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JOHN BULL

OVER A MILLION CERTIFIED SALE

JOH. BULL'S GREAT XMAS GIFT TO YOU
See page 3.

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will pull you through the WINTER

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JOHN BULL Pays £250 Insurance Benefit! to Widow

A capsized boat, four men struggling in the surf, in full view of hundreds on the beach, a rush to the rescue and the drowning of two of the men—such was the recent boating tragedy on Coney Beach, Porthcawl. One of the victims was M. Pollard, 1, Brickyard Cottage, Newton, Porthcawl. "John Bull" has dispatched to his widow a cheque for £250.

also two Benefits of £125 for loss of Eye

£125

Mr. Johnson, 1, Stoke-Road, Montacute, Somerset, was chopping wood in his garden when a piece flew up, striking him in the eye, blotting out the sight for ever. A registered reader, "John Bull" has forwarded to him a cheque for £125.

£125

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Reader's Name.....Age.....
in full (CAPITAL LETTERS.)

Address .....

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Reader's Signature.....

Name and Address of Newsagent.....

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Date..... .....

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Address .....

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Signature .....

Address .....

Date..... .....

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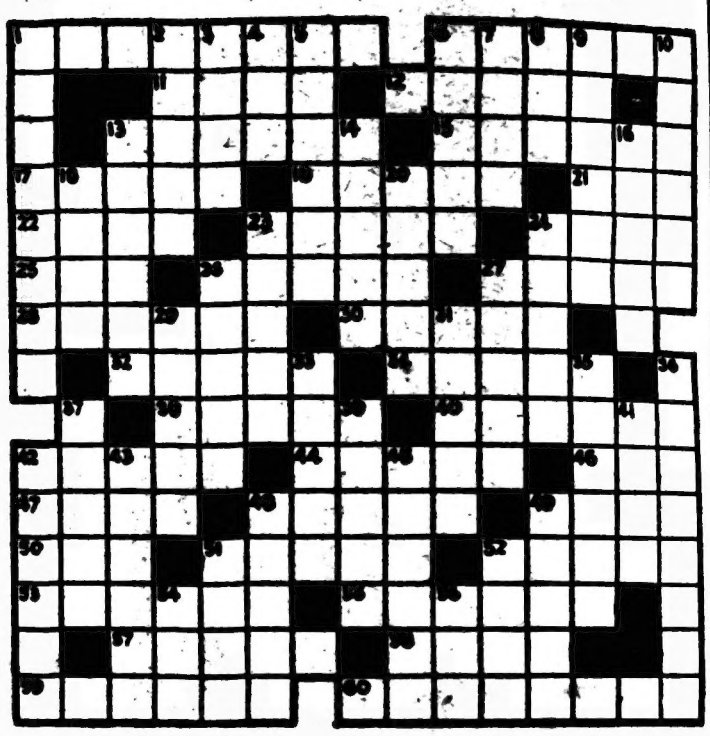
Our Cross-Word Corner

An Armchair—a Fire—and



CLUES DOWN

1. Ready.
2. A tartan.
3. Nobleman.
4. Border.
5. Shaking.
6. Turf.
7. Intense dislike.
8. Skill.
9. A bobby.
10. To hate.
13. Terror.
14. Red.
16. A drain.
18. Come forth.
20. Inactive.
23. To make stupid.
24. A flower-leaf.
26. A pastry.
27. Prophesied.
29. Wrathful.
31. Bestows.
33. A portion.
35. Noosed.
36. Gone before.
37. Implement for thrashing corn.
39. Four grains.
41. The least whole number.
42. Intervals.
43. Downright.
45. Angel of the highest rank.
48. Communion table.
49. Strayed.
51. Yield.
52. Caution
54. Decay.
56. Cricket term.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Belongings.
6. Fashioned.
11. Den.
12. Conscious.
13. Agricultural tenant.
15. To affirm.
17. Danger.
19. Kind of silk.
21. Shelter.
22. In the middle.
23. To spring.
24. Church seats.
25. To dress.
26. Kind of material.
27. Kind of headgear.
28. Science of duty.
30. Fungoid disease in plants.
32. Body of cavalry.
34. Pertaining to ash flow.
38. Ridiculous.
40. A fabric.
42. Well-known stone.
44. Relieved.
46. Single item.
47. To peel.
48. Land.
49. Heroic poem.
50. Atmosphere.
51. Transparent.
52. Mediterranean island.
53. A wine.
55. Heraldic garment.
57. Pertaining to a knob.
58. A pile of wood.
59. The one photographed.
60. Flattered.

The solution of our last week's Puzzle will be found on page 7.

John Bull's Great Xmas Gift to You

"John Bull's" Golden Gift Set

One Shilling Gift Voucher

Christmas 1927.

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Christmas Gift Coupon.

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NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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Fine, medium or broad nib. (*Cross out grades not required.*)

Your name engraved in gold on Pen, 6d. extra.....
(*Write in capitals name desired.*)

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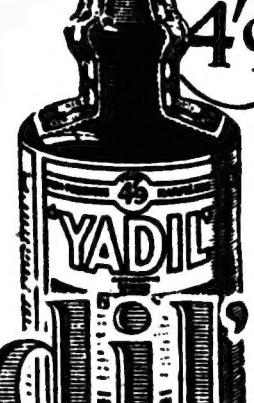

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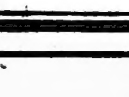

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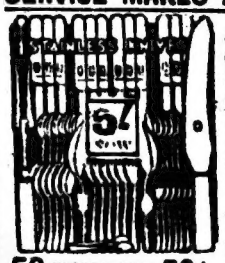

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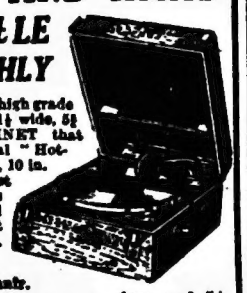

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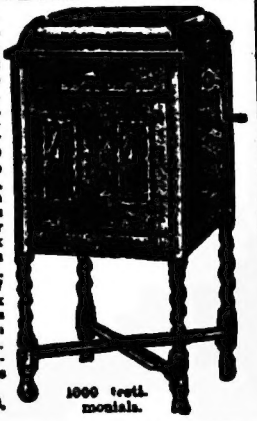

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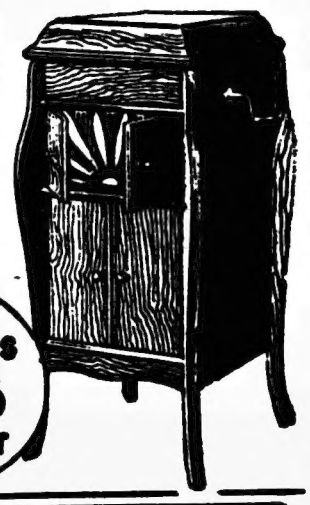

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Looking Ahead.
Now members are gathered again at Westminster, Parliamentary interest is chiefly in the movements "behind the scenes" regarding next year's programme and the General Election plans.

Price of Muddle.
The Naval Limitation Conference muddle is going to cost Britain and America a dozen millions apiece this year, but good sense could yet save unknown millions to follow. Unless the Conservative Economy Committee insists on a naval agreement, it will be as futile.

Speed Up.
Our new "League of Nations Minister" recognises that peace through security, disarmament and arbitration is Europe's only hope of escaping a catastrophe. What we say to him and Sir Austen is, "Get on with it!"

Coal's S O S.
After trying "a free hand" for a year, the coal-owners are now coming to the Government for help. No one can blame the miners this time. Low wages, longer hours, larger output—these don't touch the root of the trouble.

Wily Ones.
That reconstruction of the coal industry could not be put through without backing from Government and Parliament has been plain before and since the Samuel Commission. But beware the cloven hoof! Once for all, no subsidies.

Activity.
A "full dress" discussion on the coal industry is promised before Christmas. Unless it ends in full dress on naked backs and full food in empty cupboards we shan't be satisfied.

The Shock.
Lord Beaverbrook's amalgamation proposals have dropped like a bomb into the Conservative camp. The fact is that desperate straits demand desperate remedies, and some people have developed wit enough to see it.

A Pity.
The Leasehold Reform Bill promises to be another feather-duster measure. A few clauses providing compensation for ousted tenants won't compensate for the whole of the present outworn system of land laws.

Squandered.
To increased site value, says "Jix," the tenant has no more right "than the landlord." The truth is that if the rise in ground values in the last generation had gone to the people who created it, even the war debt would not worry the taxpayer.

Mutual Sorrow.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain says, "The results of the municipal elections have not given much satisfaction to the Conservative Party." Clearly the Conservative Party have not given much satisfaction to the municipalities. So both are quits.

One Good Thing.
The Government promises a Mental Deficiency Bill to bring sleepy sickness within the scope of treatment. We prophesy no opposition.

The Conquerors.
The nations allied in the Great War have now 10,000,000 trained men "well" equipped for a new war. That should teach men that war always broadcasts its own seed.

Perfection.
"Better equipped," says Mr. Lloyd George, "means more ghastly, more terrible and more shattering machinery, getting more terrible each year." If we choose to go on with it, the old Scriptural hell will have to take a back seat.

The Lump Sum.
A "Well Wisher" has sent the Exchequer £4,000 worth of War Loan for cancellation. That's public spirit. The time is coming when no one will wish to make money out of war.

Why Not?
A "Two Minutes' Silence" *every* day is suggested. If the whole world every day took even less time to "be still and think" war would cease. Quiet men don't war against their fellows.

League Leads.
The Geneva Diplomatic Conference on Import and Export Restrictions and Prohibitions has terminated its work. It assents to the abolition, subject to certain exceptions, of import and export restrictions.

France Follows.
The French Government has decided not to prohibit the importation of coal, coke and lignite. France sees that money can't be made unless money is allowed to circulate.

Results.
The immediate exchange for the French concession is that France now obtains the right to export a certain quantity of coal from the Moselle mines to Germany. Give and take makes fair play in trade as well as other games.

Good Work.
We congratulate the *Times* on its steady exposure of British slum areas. Knowledge is power. When the country is fully informed it may do something.

Yorkshire's Disgrace.
Leeds has 72,000 back-to-back houses and Bradford 33,000. Even well-built in stone and with front gardens, houses without through ventilation are thoroughly bad and an abomination.

1,000 Christmas Dinners!
Your last chance to win a "Bullets" Hamper, Turkey or Surrey Fowl for Christmas!
1,000 offered on page 43.

In Proof.
In Bradford where 1,357 persons were housed on 4½ acres the death-rate was 45.6 per 1,000 as compared with 19.8 for the whole city. That shows whether fresh air, and plenty of it, is good for human life or not.

Liverpool's Lot.
In Liverpool 2,200 insanitary houses still remain within the city boundaries. One day it will dawn upon all concerned that evil conditions cannot be confined geographically. Epidemics spread.

Indictment.
In Lambeth ten families live nine in a room, nineteen families live eight in a room, and thirty-five families are living seven in a room. The Bishop of Southwark is kicking, hard, and we back him.

Village Vitality.
The Development Commission declares that our rural population is "barely sufficient" for the services required of it. Towns starve. Fruitful fields run to weeds. Where's statesmanship?

Conference.
Representatives of one hundred organisations of women engaged in social and political work have met at Westminster to consider maternal mortality. Those who know, believe that bearing a child need not, and should not, mean carrying a death warrant.

Labour "Demands."
That the whole question of house rents should be reviewed in view of the reduction in workers' wages is a resolution of the executive of the London Labour Party. What all Parties should concentrate on is unemployment. Men out of work have no wage at all.

Rods in Pickle.
Discipline among the clergy is to be "enforced" by the heads of the Church of England. Why not advise disputants to follow more closely the First Christian? That's all that's needed.

Those who Sow.
Farm labourers plead for "a living wage, decent five-roomed cottages, and a guaranteed half holiday." Why not? It is merely life reduced to lowest terms of Christian decency.

Lax Law.
At present farm workers can be compelled to work as employers choose. Busy times see carters employed from 4.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., Saturdays included. That's sheer slavery.

Reindeer Time.
Big cargoes of Christmas goods are arriving at Folkestone Harbour from the Continent. Goods coming in make room for goods to go out, so no one need get the wind up about it.

Toys.
Tin soldiers, say the toy-dealers, are this year neglected for farms and animals and every machine and implement of civil life. Mothers are teaching their children that war has a side far other than tinsel and paint.

Princely Workhouse.

Proposed improvements at Knaresborough workhouse, including a heating apparatus to cost £4,815, will run into £11,675. The greater part of the money would be even better spent if used in giving the destitute a chance to start in their own homes.

Death-trap.

The attention of the Southern Railway to the inadequate protection on its line at Woolwich has been drawn by a coroner's jury at the inquest on a Poplar schoolboy, electrocuted from clambering on the rails. The work should now be in hand.

Which Is Better ?

Although unhappily in vain, the hundred members of the Dartmoor Hunt who searched the moor for a couple of lost schoolboys, need not think their day's hunting misspent. Ours is not the only opinion that it is better to save life than to kill.

For the Blind.

Croydon is right in following Bradford's lead in awarding pensions to its blind unemployable men and women. Until the State can eliminate or make self-supporting the demoralising figure of the blind beggar, he must be adequately State-aided.

Miss Councillor.

Miss Lily Thorpe, domestic servant, who has become a member of Bootle Town Council, has shown great good sense in sticking to her job as lady's help. The importance of municipal service is hardly rivalled by that of keeping the home going.

Bad Debt.

Due to errors at Whitehall, in the accounts presented at Geneva, £37,000 of public money due to Great Britain on the winding-up of a fund for repatriating Polish and Balkan prisoners has been lost for ever. Because we pay our debts, is there any reason for not collecting our assets ?

" Only " an Errand Boy.

Mr. John Hughes, of West Bromwich, who died at ninety-one, was employed for eighty-two years by one firm. Beginning as errand-boy, he rose by steps until he became general works manager. Loyalty and devotion bring content and happiness.

Not the Way.

If James Arthur Cuttle is really anxious to help his parents, who are both ill and poor, he will stick to his work on the farm to which he has been sent back after absconding with another lad and stealing a bicycle. Earning 14s. weekly will do more for them than stealing any day.

Wrong Idea.

We cannot endorse the objection of the member of the Mansfield Guardians to boys under their care becoming Scouts on the ground that the movement is a forerunner of military life. We know of no organisation that better inculcates ideas of citizenship and service in boys, while giving them valuable open-air exercise.

Splendid Testimony.

No better foretaste of good cheer could be given to those who are in charge of Bridlington Children's Home than in the request, granted by the Guardians, of an ex-union lad from his training-ship to " come home " for Christmas. They are to be envied who have the knack of making forlorn kiddies happy.

" Share-pushers " Beware !

We have always exposed " share-pushers " whenever and wherever we have found them. If you want to know how these rascals should really be treated read the amazing story by Edgar Wallace, specially written for the JOHN BULL Christmas Annual. And there are lots of other good things to read as well

Working Example.

Of the 164 men receiving outdoor relief in Salford in April, who have been attending instructional classes, only twenty-nine remain unemployed. No wonder classes are to continue. We suggest that Bootle, where no fewer than 580 per 10,000 inhabitants are receiving out relief, should sit up and take notice.

Ex-Officer's Sorry Plight.

With a sick child and he and his wife on the verge of starvation, Ronald Thomas Groube, an ex-officer, twice extracted money from gas-meters. He has been bound over, and to the ex-Service Welfare Society owes his present job and release from debts. All the same, he is a reminder that it is against poverty and distress caused by war that the real struggle lies.

A Man for a' That.

Without both legs for thirty-six years, Mr. Samuel Ratcliff, of Giltbrook, is sub-postmaster, colliery worker, can handle a 500-volt electric cable, ride a motor-cycle, drive and repair cars, and has brought up a family of eight children. Such a catalogue should encourage the most timid to forget that physical defects are a bar to a successful life.

Municipal Boggling.

With fifteen children to a house, a family of seven in one room and many cases of seven and nine children sleeping together, what is Llantaram Council about to allot forty new houses in the Cwmbran district to accommodate a total of only sixty children ? When houses are few, common-sense and fairplay must be proportionately prolific.

The Human Machine

Promises

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

WE should be chary of making promises : for a promise is a debt of honour. Once made it should be fulfilled—come what may.

It is a fine test of a person's character. I do not trust very much those people who will promise you anything. They are never those of strong character and sound judgment.

Magnificent promisers are always rather to be suspected. A man who will cheerfully give you a blank cheque on the bank of the future not infrequently has to admit in the end that he has " no account " !

It is the person of strong character who promises nothing—unless he is quite certain he can keep his word. He does not believe in promising and not doing. He would rather do and not promise.

" He who is the most slow in making a promise," said a wise writer, " is the most faithful in the performance of it."

It is wrong as well as thoughtless to arouse a person's hopes by a promise unless those hopes can be speedily fulfilled by performance.

JUST think about it. Would you go round to your tradesmen and cheerfully give them all large numbers of promissory notes payable at some unspecified date in the future ? And even if you did, would they be accepted ?

There is really precious little difference between a promissory note and a promise—for the latter is a moral promissory note.

The failure to redeem either is a blot on a man's character.

A man who knows the worth of character will always scorn to say more than he means to perform.

Still Doing Good.

We read that the Leicester Royal Infirmary recently became richer by £500, a gift from the Ancient Order of Froth Blowers. We advise cranks in the Midland city to think twice before they venture again to slander a movement which is doing so much in the cause of charity.

Autocratic Council.

The workhouse looms ahead for an ex-Service man, his wife and six children, of Venables Street, London. Earning £4 weekly, he is to be ejected from his rooms as they are " dangerous," and has been refused a council house because he is not earning enough. If thus allowed to run riot, the power of the London County Council must be limited.

Costly Weeds.

For failing to clear his land of injurious weeds, Stanley Arthur Moll, of Norwich, has been fined £1 by local magistrates, with a week's grace for improvement. After that the weeds, if still there, will cost him 8s. a day. As a means of teaching those lucky enough to obtain land how to value it this method cannot be bettered.

Don't Miss This !

A present of one shilling, in the form of a voucher, which on presentation will be accepted as one shilling cash in part payment for the JOHN BULL 5s. Pen ; a magnificent 2s. 6d. Pencil free ; a golden presentation box—this is JOHN BULL's wonderful gift to its readers for Christmas, 1927. Full particulars on page 3.

Child Marriages.

We hope that the members of the British women's organisations, who are pressing the Home Secretary to raise the minimum age for marriage to sixteen for boys and girls, will gain their point. Even if a girl under sixteen is about to be a mother, she ought not to be tied down for life to the man who obviously does not know how to protect her.

Flood Victims.

Thrifty people have lost their homes and the poor everything in the great flood disaster at Fleetwood. We agree with Lord Stanley, M.P., who, after touring the stricken district, concludes that the task of succour is a national one. It is. Those who have never failed to respond when famine called in any part of the world, must now come to the help of their own countrymen.

Peace by Agreement.

The building trade operatives in London have just reached an agreement which should serve as a model to industry. Working hours are to be limited to forty-four per week, but these may be extended in the summer and reduced in the winter, where it is found advisable owing to considerations of light. In such judicious giving and taking lies the solution of industrial disputes.

" Mother Remembrance."

Elizabeth Newman sells flowers in Whitehall, and every day gives two bunches to the Cenotaph. She is seventy-nine, and has sold flowers since she was sixteen, and will sell them until " her old legs won't carry her any more." Her fear that " people are losing interest in the Cenotaph " is not quite justified. There is more fear lest they forget what it should stand for—No More War.

Misplaced Mercy.

We share the surprise of Sir Chartres Biron who was told that a man of many convictions had been bound over at Manchester for housebreaking. At Bow Street, the fellow, William Mitchell by name, was sentenced to six months for attempting to steal from motor-cars. The public must be protected, and leniency in such cases is merely sentimental folly.

Houses First.

The boasted building of a million houses since the Armistice may have washed out the then existing shortage, but not the annual need of 80,000 to meet the growing population. Unsubsidised building averages but 60,000 to 70,000 yearly. Thus the Government allows arrears to pile up while embarking on costly naval expansion. Houses are more necessary than battleships.

Peacemaker's Fine Record.

No greater compliment could be paid to Mrs. Sanson, a Nottingham probation officer, who has settled 501 matrimonial disputes in twelve months, than the decision to entrust to her all cases of maintenance and separation orders? There is room for other social workers to appropriate her title, "The greatest peacemaker in the city."

Anti-social.

Because he assisted the police during an alleged daylight shop raid, William Reed was "boycotted" by his workmates. Now at Bow Street, Harry Parkin, a twenty-seven-year-old traveller of Hampstead Road, has gone to prison for a month's hard labour for assaulting and threatening to murder him. With such mates, Reed's action was justified up to the hilt. He is a man and a citizen.

Crime of Poverty.

At Ruabon, in Wales, Susannah Morris was charged with obtaining poor relief after her husband recovered from illness and returned to work. He is a colliery surface worker earning 25s., out of which 7s. rent must be paid and husband, wife and children be fed. She was sorry and the guardians did not press the case, but she was fined £1. Let heaven pity, for it seems clear that man won't.

Dismissed!

Even Mr. Justice Swift was astonished when at Notts Assizes a frail woman charged with bigamy told him she has been in prison since July waiting trial. Her husband had not lived with her for years, and had not provided for her. Mr. Justice Swift thought imprisonment was "very wrong" in such a case, and told the victim "she could go." The pity is that those who in the first case refused her bail can't be punished.

Bad Blunder.

Assisted into the dock by two constables, William Pollitt, at Leeds, explained that the charge of "travelling without a ticket" was due to the fact that a railway porter wheeled him in his chair into the guard's van and said nothing about a ticket for the chair. He was discharged on agreeing to pay for tickets for bath-chair and dog. If both had been presented him as slight compensation for his week-end in a cell, it would have done more credit to the magistrates.

Disappearing Pup.

When a Yorkshire reader despatched an Airedale puppy to Frederick Ward and Co., of Minster-on-Sea, she received a personal letter from Fred. Ward, saying that he was "more than satisfied." But she has not received payment, and letters addressed to Ward at Minster-on-Sea, or to his London office at Hatton Garden, are alike returned by the postal authorities with the dismal inscription "Gone away." We fear our reader has been sold a pup, instead of selling one.

Crafty Confidence Cadger.

A confidence trickster, calling himself W. Scott, has lately operated in the Wimbledon area, where he has succeeded in duping a clergyman in a very clever manner. After making his victim's acquaintance as "a brother Scot," he got on to the latter's pet subject, promised to lend him a useful text-book, and talked blithely of sending a selection of his best apples and pears. Later he called to say his car had broken down, and borrowed £2 "for garage fees." He has not been seen since!

The Hardy Perennial.

An "exceptional opportunity" is being offered to a man who, in addition to being active, must also have £250 to invest. Applicants must reply to a box number and no particulars will be given except at an interview subsequently arranged at Palace Mansions, Palace Gardens, Enfield. The advertiser is that persistent smallholder, S. Hardy, who has been trying to get hold of unemployed men's savings in this way for years. His record is such that to advertise his proposition as "an exceptional opportunity" is the limit of impertinence.

No Outlay!

W. J. Ballard, of Graces Road, Camberwell, states that there need be no outlay in getting a business of your own, but he wants two guineas for showing how it is done. On the face of it, we do not recommend Ballard's scheme.

Done by Dean.

A. L. Dean and Co., of Durham Road, Sheffield, will set you on the high road to fortune if you send them 2s. Some of our readers have unfortunately done so, but the fortune has receded into the distance. They received a book worth twopence giving a miscellaneous lot of toilet recipes. Deans have the best of the deal, but ignoring them and all their works will cure this.

Substitute for a Job.

A gentleman advertising for a situation was surprised to receive a communication from "What's On" Publications, of Small Street, Bristol, asking if £50 would be useful to him. Unfortunately, the proposition which followed was nothing but the old snowball dodge, thinly disguised to lend it the dignity of a commercial proposition! A Mr. F. E. Fifield is behind this £50 offer. We do not think much of his solution of the unemployment question!

Tempting Match Offer.

A circular letter recently issued by the Globe Import Co., of Duncan Terrace, City Road, London, E.C., offers supplies of imported matches at tempting rates. The proprietors, M. Schneider and A. Schneider, do not volunteer any information regarding import duty, and prudent grocers will not rush to send cash for consignments of the bargain matches until they have first satisfied themselves that the quoted prices will not be inflated by taxation.

First of a Bad Bunch.

This is a season of the year when the dubious charity collectors begin to mobilise for their great Christmas campaign. Well in the van is Geo. H. Breton, of Trinity Street, Borough, S.E., who is now sending out heartrending appeals for his "Poor Children's Society." As usual, his literature is coloured with touching pictures, but we trust that the public will remain unmoved by his appeals, and devote their offerings only to such charities whose reputation is above reproach.

Funny Proposition.

The latest home-employment proposition to be brought to our notice is put forward by Oliver Turnbull, of "Ailwyn," Castle Street, Conisborough. He describes his business as the making of ornamental tile floors, but he does not manufacture a single tile on the premises. He prefers instead to instruct novices through the post and offers to take the finished tiles off their hands if up to standard. A postal course in home tile-making costs two guineas, but Turnbull will take a guinea down and the balance after a pupil has actually sold some examples of his work. A curious system of "manufacturing"!

"Dice Houses."

In JOHN BULL, of November 5, in an article entitled "Dice Houses," we included in a list of these houses No. 57, Pennyfields. This was a clerical error, as No. 57, Pennyfields is in the occupation of a commercial firm of high repute—namely, the Poplar Testing Works, belonging to W. and E. Moore, Ltd., who have, of course, no connection whatever with the practices which the article condemns. We are very glad to give publicity to this fact.

BOATING TRAGEDY

"John Bull" Pays £250

(See page 2.)

Problems of Life

Making the Best of It

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

AN Anglo-Egyptian official of long experience once told me that of all the men he had ever worked with the late Lord Kitchener was the most expert at turning an awkward situation to profit.

Dr. R. J. Campbell

There is, or used to be, a custom observed in diplomatic circles in Cairo of holding an annual dinner at which the Foreign Minister of longest standing presides.

It so happened on one occasion, when Kitchener was Sirdar, that the American Minister was to preside at this function in virtue of seniority.

Just before dinner was announced the door opened and in came the Sirdar. He strode straight down the room to the head of the table and seated himself there.

It was a blunt way of intimating that precedence in Egypt belonged, not to the United States, but to Great Britain.

The American Minister was equal to the dramatic moment, however. He instantly made a dive for the lowest place and took it.

It was an excellent way of making the best of a rebuff and afforded a good example of American readiness of resource.

IT will be remembered that when Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" was sentenced as a punishment to paint the back fence on a holiday afternoon, he managed to convince his jeering schoolfellows that it was a privilege.

Presently he had them all competing against one another for the opportunity of doing the work for him. They bribed him with marbles and pocket-knives to grant them the favour of wielding the brush.

The fence was soon painted. Tom had certainly made the best of a difficult problem.

Some will say this was American smartness.

So it was, but, as Henry Ward Beecher said to a Liverpool audience that accused his countrymen of trying to get the better of other people: "It may be so, but consider the stock we come of!"

Geoffrey Chaucer wrote six centuries ago:

> "Then is it wisdom, as it thinketh me,
> To maken virtue of necessity,
> And take it well that we may not eschew,
> And, namely, that to us all is due."

TO make the best of a bad job is generally understood as the equivalent of the proverb, "What can't be cured must be endured."

It is much more than that. It means literally making the best of what might otherwise be the worst.

Sometimes this is the best in the superlative sense—very often, I think.

Sometimes it is the best in the comparative sense—saving something from the wreck, making a misfortune yield as much benefit as possible.

Life has a way of presenting good surprises to the man who grapples with Fate in a cheerful spirit and with undaunted mien.

BLIND BOY'S TRAGIC AGONY

A GHASTLY DILLY-DALLY

A Tale for Tears

ON Roy Bannister's fourth birthday, May 26, 1925, he went through an experience so terrible that it seems incredible that even a fully grown person, let alone a little child, could have survived it. He fell head first into a pit of boiling lime.

Mrs. Bannister had taken her little son for a walk that afternoon. She returned home with him at five o'clock. While she was preparing tea, Roy ran out to play in the garden.

Ten minutes later her son was carried in to her by Mr. Thomas Young, a builder, who had pulled Roy out of his lime-pit.

He had run through a gap in the garden fence, which had been made by the builders, without the Bannisters' permission, and had fallen into a lime-pit dug in a main road and left without any fence or guard.

Heartrending picture

Roy's clothes were badly burned. His head, face and limbs were terribly injured. When the doctor came he ordered the boy to be sent to the Middlesbrough Hospital at once.

There surgical skill and nursing saved Roy's life, but left him an object of intense pity. His eyes were so badly burned that it was necessary to remove both eyeballs.

To-day, two and a half years after, the empty sockets in the fair young face present a heartrending picture.

Before the war, Mr. Bannister was obliged to go to Canada to seek work owing to slackness in the building trade. From Canada he went to the United States, and when that country entered the war he came to France as a volunteer in the United States Army.

In France, Mr. Bannister was gassed and suffered from shell-shock. When he left hospital, he was able to rejoin his wife and son, as there was now work for him to do in England.

Then Roy was born. Three years later, the family removed from London to Redcar where the accident happened.

Miserable compensation

The Bannisters very naturally decided to sue the builders, Messrs. Wilkinson and Young, for damages on behalf of their son, on account of the terrible pain and suffering he incurred and the permanent injuries he sustained, debarring him from the full enjoyment of his life and seriously handicapping him in earning his living.

They were recommended to a firm of solicitors and proceedings were commenced against the builders by this firm.

A writ was issued on October 30, 1925, but on January 22 of the following year, Mr. Bannister received a letter from his solicitors stating that the builders offered to pay £200, half to be paid down and a further £100 by two instalments at the end of each six months.

The letter also stated that the defendants were not men of means, and that the costs of the action would run away with all they had and more, leaving nothing for the boy if judgment were obtained against them.

Mr. Bannister felt that £200 for the loss of two eyes was a miserable compensation to offer, but, at a subsequent interview with his solicitors, he agreed to accept this settlement on behalf of his son, provided

Roy Bannister

the defendants paid the costs incurred in addition.

Since that time his solicitors have been unsuccessful in obtaining a penny piece of this £200.

Extraordinary delay

The partnership between the builders, Messrs. Wilkinson and Young, was dissolved some time after the accident.

One of the partners, Mr. H. Wilkinson, is now living at Guisborough. The other, Mr. T. Young, is still carrying on business as a builder in Redcar.

At the time that the accident happened, these men had contracted to build, and were building, a house for Mr. Bannister, which he now occupies, and which is now named "Royville."

Mr. Bannister paid Messrs. Wilkinson and Young £250 before they started building on his land. He did the plastering work himself, a considerable item in the cost, and paid them the balance, over £250, about six months after the accident happened.

He intended to leave the payment of the balance in abeyance until the question of compensation was settled, but on October 8, 1925, he settled the account in full, hoping that it would hasten the payment of compensation to his little son.

When Mr. Bannister wrote to tell JOHN BULL the sad story which has been told here, we wrote to his solicitors, asking how much longer his child would have to wait for the money due to him.

They inform us that a writ was issued on Messrs. Wilkinson and Young, and that after certain other steps had been taken in this action, it became quite apparent that an adequate sum could not be obtained because of the financial state of the defendants.

Public danger

Upon this a settlement was arrived at, whereby the defendants agreed to pay £200 and costs by instalments.

Up to now, say the solicitors, "These have not been paid either in whole or in part, simply because we were afraid to force the defendants into bankruptcy, leaving this child without further remedy."

The solicitors add that they are taking immediate steps to try and enforce payment of some part, at any rate, of the agreed damages.

The fact that these two men, who are morally responsible and have admitted legal liability for this terrible accident, have not paid a single penny piece to this poor little sightless child in all the time allowed them is shameful.

The point which emerges from this tragic story is that the public are so little protected from the daily hazards that beset them.

It ought not to be possible for anybody to undertake work of any kind involving the possibility of danger to the public unless adequate insurance against third party risks is first effected.

If this had been done in the present case, this poor boy would have been adequately compensated for the loss of his eyes instead of waiting nearly two years without a penny of the miserable sum owing to him.

Pitiful question

As so often happens in the case of children robbed of the most precious faculty of sight, Roy Bannister's other senses show marked development.

Already he can read and write in Braille, and possesses that wonderful "sixth sense" of the blind by which he is able to distinguish various objects that he passes when out walking.

Roy has developed a passion for music, which is ministered to by a wireless set his parents have purchased for him.

As soon as a vacancy occurs, and if he is well enough, he is going to a school for the blind at York. For this he needs an outfit which will cost many pounds.

With a mind sharpened by the possible ordeal of two and a half years ago, this boy is striving manfully to adjust himself to his handicap.

Sometimes, however, when he hears the happy laughter of other boys at play he will say wistfully to his mother, "Why cannot I go out and play with them?"

A Hard-Up Agency

Strange Trade "Protection"

"FOR protection of Trade" is the slogan which appears on the printed matter of a concern called The Central Mercantile Agency, now housed in Oxford Street, London, W. Correspondence now before us, however, shows that clients are not always satisfied with the "protection" they receive.

The agency has sought custom by sending out circular letters containing matter calculated to commend itself to small traders. "This message will save you money" is the assertion.

The Central Mercantile Agency offers its services in the capacity of debt-collector. "What do you lose in bad debts in a year's trading?" asks the circular. "A considerable sum, no doubt. But why suffer this loss when you can have all those doubtful and bad debts collected promptly?"

Ominous omission

Now, it is highly convenient to pass troublesome debts on to an agency which will undertake to collect them in return for a trifling 10 per cent. commission, and no doubt many shopkeepers have been attracted.

If they have, we trust their experience has been happier than in the case of those who have written to us on the subject.

Take, for example, the experience of an engineering firm which entrusted certain of its business to the Central Mercantile Agency more than twelve months ago. The agency duly collected an outstanding debt of £6 13s. 2d., but omitted to forward any proportion of this amount to the company concerned.

After repeated applications had been made without effect, the clients decided that they would be acting in the public interests by taking the matter to the county court. They did so, and were successful in obtaining a warrant of execution. There the sorry affair came to a dead end.

The bailiff of Bloomsbury County Court was unable to take any action, for the simple reason that he found the Central Mercantile Agency in occupation of a furnished office, with "no goods or chattels whereon to levy."

Change needed

If the agency cannot carry out a small duty like the collection of £6 13s. 2d. to the satisfaction of its clients, what hope have traders got who may have entrusted it with the collection of larger sums?

Another complaint now before us is from a firm which appointed the agency to collect numerous debts at the end of last year. It has now no idea how its affairs stand and repeated applications for a statement have proved fruitless.

In these circumstances it is perhaps not surprising to find that the Central Mercantile Agency has changed its address three times within a single year. If it would change its methods and live up to its slogan some of its clients would be more pleased.

A SERIOUS MEDICAL SCANDAL

"GIFTS" THAT WERE RETURNED

Blots on a Great Profession

CONSIDERABLE indignation has arisen lately in Devon owing to the hush-hush atmosphere which pervades regarding a matter of grave importance to every ratepayer.

Certain public-spirited people have suddenly opened the public's eyes to the fact that some of the Devon County Council's full-time officials have been known to supplement their income by accepting fees for services which they were already paid to render.

When one learns that the officials involved are medical men employed by the council as tuberculosis officers, for the county, the matter assumes very grave aspects.

One of the officials named is Dr. Swan, tuberculosis officer for North Devon, and as the result of specific charges being laid against him, the matter came to the notice of the Devon Public Health Committee.

Several definite instances were cited where this officer had accepted "fees" from patients, and the fact that he has since refunded the money in each case does not alter the point at issue.

Ludicrous announcement

The Public Health Committee expressed the opinion that Dr. Swan could have no reasonable grounds for presuming that he could, as a full-time officer, accept fees in addition to his salary.

As a result of this decision, Dr. Swan has handed in his resignation.

The Devon Public Health Committee has further announced that it wishes to make it quite clear that the services of the Devon County Council tuberculosis officers are absolutely free to all classes of the community, and that in no case can remuneration be made to them in any form.

Could anything be more ludicrous?

Of course, the services of the council's paid officials should be free to all classes of the community! And it should certainly not be necessary for the authorities to issue a decision on that point — it should go without saying.

Puerile excuses

Apart from this half-hearted action, there is another aspect of this scandal which calls for comment.

The Press have been expressly excluded from all vital discussions on the subject; and as it is one which is of importance to ratepayers throughout the country, we propose to deal with certain phases openly in these columns.

As far as we are able to gather, the excuses put forward in defence of the officials involved were simply puerile. It was said, for instance, that the tuberculosis officers were not in receipt of the salaried scale approved by the Ministry of Health.

Whether this is so or not we cannot say, but the fact remains that they accepted their appointments at stated salaries with the "no private fee" condition attached. And as each one was a permanent charge upon the county funds of £1,140 a year, their services were not exactly cheap.

If any of their number was dissatisfied with this remuneration, his course was clear. He should have appealed to the Ministry of Health. To supplement that figure by the acceptance of additional fees from ratepayers is irregular, to put it very mildly indeed.

Another excuse put forward on behalf of the officials was nothing more than a quibble. It was suggested that the additional emoluments were looked upon as "presents" rather than "fees."

That is preposterous, and little more than a scurvy evasion of the condition expressly laid down in the terms of appointment. It is difficult to believe that any paid medical officer could salve his conscience in taking money from a poor patient by looking upon it as "a present."

But if officials say that they only accept the extra fees from those patients whom they know are well off and can afford to meet the additional charge, their position is not rendered any more laudable.

Natural suspicion

In fact, a very grave menace indeed hinges upon such a point, for it implies that a service which should be above all reproach is open to grave abuses.

All classes of the community contribute towards the establishment of tuberculosis officers, and there should be no possibility of any line of distinction being drawn between their claims.

It amounts to this. A poor man cannot afford to pay any extra fee to the medical officer, nor can he even make a little "present."

The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health

But if he knows that his wealthy neighbour is in the habit of handing the officer a handsome cheque by way of personal bonus, he cannot help fearing that his neighbour will secure better attention.

We are glad that this affair has cropped up in Devon, but it should not be allowed to die down with the resignation of Dr. Swan and the official repetition of the terms on which tuberculosis officers are engaged.

It is not unreasonable to presume that a similar state of affairs may exist in other parts of the country, and, now that we have raised the essential points affecting the general public, we would urge the Minister of Health to take action.

His first duty should be to call for all the papers relating to the present case, and then, if he considers that circumstances warrant enquiries in other parts of the country, he should get his department busy upon the job without delay.

No Room for Cupid

Fifteen-Guinea Romances

THE chatty, conversational form of advertising, which has provided music-hall comedians with unlimited gags, has now been embraced by an enterprising matrimonial agent named C. E. Wright, of Heaton Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. Wright is editor of the *Matrimonial Vanguard*, a "publication devoted entirely to matrimony," and in an issue now before us he prints a full report of an interview between a lady client and himself.

"Now I wish to get a husband, but *any* man will not suit," declares the lady candidly, and then goes on to express her fears of being dubbed "an old maid."

"Quite so," replies Mr. Wright politely. "I am really very pleased that you came to me before it is too late."

Forgotten names

He then explains that he has many eligible clients on his books and can put her in touch with the very gentleman she seeks almost immediately.

"I feel sure you will," the fair client agrees, and relates how her friend secured a husband through Mr. Wright. "They have lovely children!" she declares, and is about to reveal the name of her friend when Mr. Wright cuts her short.

"Stop!" he cries, "I make it a strict rule to completely forget clients' names after they have married."

Happy confidence

Two full pages of the *Vanguard* are devoted to this interesting interview, and at the conclusion the lady departs saying: "You have broadened my mind, and I can return home with the confidence that ere long I shall be happily married."

And what does Mr. Wright ask for his services? Merely sixpence for a copy of the *Vanguard* and fifteen guineas as an "introductory fee."

Most of his business appears to be conducted through the medium of the post, and as there is nothing about his agency to distinguish it from other institutions of this objectionable character, we trust that lonely people will seek their partners through less dangerous channels.

A Mournful "Horror"-Scope

Astrologer with the Blues

THE fat boy in Pickwick, whose ambition was to make people's flesh creep, has a formidable rival in a professional astrologer, of Aquinas Street, London, S.E., who goes by the name of Salarius.

Salarius casts horoscopes at 1s. 8d. a time, attracting foolish people through the medium of advertisements. One of his efforts, for which a reader paid the requisite fee, might aptly be termed a "horror"-scope!

Good or ill?

"Having studied your horoscope for the year 1928," he writes, "Salarius has seen the following events. Apart from a very sad event, 1928 is sufficiently a good year for you."

The Seer's idea of "sufficiently" good is rather strange.

Salarius "sees" a railway bringing a letter informing his client of a relative being very ill. He further "sees" that the relative's illness will last two weeks.

In January, Salarius sees the client himself ill, but only for one week! Then, in the month of February, Salarius "sees" a letter from yet another relative bearing the grim tidings of illness. This relative is to hit the happy medium by being ill for eight days!

Our horoscope

Salarius "sees" April as a "very black month." He "sees" a letter destined for his client; that letter is black! He does not like "to cause any unpleasantness," he assures his client, "but he is expected to say what he 'sees.'"

The black letter is from a relative with news of a "very, very bad illness," then Salarius "sees" "death and the funeral taking place."

The reading is then ended with the innocent remark: "Apart from these events, Salarius 'sees' 1928 is generally good for you." We should hope so, too!

We would like to cast a little horoscope ourselves: We see Salarius getting into trouble with the authorities for professing to tell fortunes; but perhaps he will see this warning in JOHN BULL and abandon his dubious profession in time.

A BOBBED DECEIVER

THE STOLE STEAL

An Uncle and a Bunk!

APPEARANCES were ever deceptive! Especially is this so when thieves use limousine cars, wear fine attire, and pose as relatives of well-known local men. Traders need be wary!

A REMARKABLE series of frauds have lately been perpetrated in various parts of the country and credit in each case must be given to a woman with bobbed, fair hair, who is both young and beautiful.

Her real name is Elsie Stephenson, but she rarely uses it in a "professional capacity." She goes under a number of aliases, the most usually used of which are Mrs. Taylor and Edie Garrett.

She is a married woman, living apart from her husband—he despaired of her long ago—and it is her delight to pose as a rich relative of some prominent resident in the particular area marked out for contemplated coups.

Shrewd actions

Shrewd to the last degree, she takes no undue risks and is always careful to avoid the possibility of troublesome enquiries. She first ascertains, therefore, that her supposed relative is away from home, and times her visit to the locality to take place during his or her absence.

A little while ago she appeared suddenly at a provincial town, adopting for the occasion the name of Doris Gregory. In this name she sallied forth in a handsome limousine and visited a local firm of furriers.

Her smart attire was all in keeping with the costly car, and the fur dealers concluded that she was a woman of means.

In silvery tones, which betrayed no guile, she explained that she was staying with her uncle, mentioning the name of a very wealthy and well-known local man.

She was in a quandary. He had promised to buy her some furs for her birthday and had intended to come in to order them himself; but he had been called away on business.

Confidence sustained

As it happened, the gentleman named was quite a good customer at the shop, and the fact that he was constantly being called out of town on business was well known.

So the very plausible tale, related with straightforward simplicity, was accepted without question.

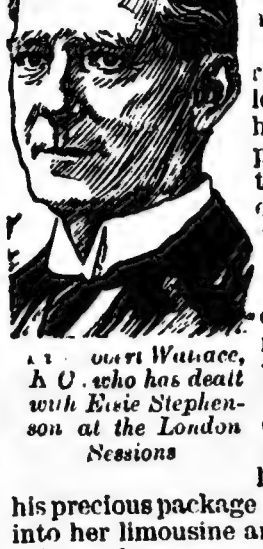
The fortunate "niece" was permitted to make her selection at leisure, and her taste being expensively inclined, the bill came to nearly £150!

With charming suavity, she sustained the confidence of her dupes by directing them to send the furs, with the account, to the house of her distinguished and generous relative.

Needless to say, this arrangement suited the shopkeeper admirably, and Miss "Doris Gregory" was bowed out of the premises with all the respect befitting such a charming and distinguished customer.

The most dangerous juncture of her scheme was now reached, but she had infinite resources as an actress on which to draw, and her final card was played with the most casual self-confidence in the world.

Lingering in the vicinity of the wealthy customer's house, she awaited the arrival of the messenger with the furs. As soon as her eyes lighted upon him she rushed breathlessly towards him and complained bitterly that she had expected her purchases to be delivered earlier. The delay, she declared, had nearly caused her to miss her train.



A. O. Ward Wallace, K.C., who has dealt with Elsie Stephenson at the London Sessions

In this audacious manner she persuaded the lad to surrender his precious package; then she stepped into her limousine and drove away!

The above remarkable coup presents a very fair example of the plan she is usually known to pursue; she has even resorted to the trick of obtaining goods by means of worthless cheques.

Substantial success

As may be expected, she has scored some remarkable successes, and, by one means or another, has contrived to obtain jewellery, furs, costly gowns and various wearing apparel all over the country.

During the past few months her successes have borne a cash equivalent of many thousands of pounds. She has used numerous aliases and complaints have been received about her by the police of many cities.

Although still in the thirties, she has already been convicted on several occasions for various frauds. She made her last appearance less than three years ago at the Old Bailey, having arrived there via a number of West End shops.

As her "shopping" tour had been marred by her favourite practice of obtaining valuable consignments of goods by false pretences and fraud, she was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour!

It is believed that she works in conjunction with a male crook, who plays the part of intermediate fence by disposing of her booty at the best prices to shady buyers who have their own exclusive "market."

Shopkeepers must be very astute to remain proof against the wiles of this charming adventuress, but it is to be hoped that this publicity will serve to put them on their guard, and so restrict the field of her operations.

TWO FROZEN MITES

THE BLIGHTED BUNGALOW

Dying Woman's Tragic Fate

THE housing problem is not solved! It can hardly be when a dying woman and two little children are left in the streets with nowhere to go. When will the authorities move?

A PITIFUL story has been brought to our notice by a gentleman who now resides at Hexham, but who purchased a small bungalow at "Bungalow Town," Whitley Bay, some two years ago and stayed there for some time for the sake of his health.

One night, some little time back, a feverish knocking sounded at this gentleman's door, and when he opened it he beheld what he describes as the worst sight of human misery and dejection he had ever seen.

Heartrending situation

A woman stood on the threshold, and the picture may best be given in our reader's own words: "She was sobbing," he writes, "as if her heart was going to break, her grief was so great."

By this distracted woman's side, and clinging to her as if for protection, were two little children, aged three and five.

The gentleman invited his tragic callers to come inside, and by degrees he drew the woman's pitiful story from her.

Her name was Firth, and she had rented an adjoining bungalow.

The land had passed into the hands of building contractors, with the ultimate result that men had been sent to pull down her bungalow.

They had dismantled the building completely, and, having nowhere else to go for shelter, the woman and her children had wandered about in the open, exposed to the biting North Sea wind and the drenching rain.

Her plight was rendered all the more pitiful owing to the fact that she was in a very poor state of health and threatened with consumption.

Few people could have remained unmoved by such a story of hardship and distress, and the gentleman in question rendered practical assistance by granting the homeless trio the shelter of his own bungalow, and when he returned to Hexham a day or two later he permitted them to stay on in the warmth and comfort it afforded.

Tragic sequel

But ill-fortune dogged the unhappy mother and her children in a tragic manner.

Their benefactor had hardly been gone a fortnight when he received news to the effect that his own bungalow had been destroyed and that Mrs. Firth and her little ones had once again been forced to seek accommodation elsewhere.

The tragic sequel was enacted a few months later, when Mrs. Firth, who was then in the throes of the dread consumption, died at Preston, North Shields, leaving her two little mites to battle alone.

It is difficult to believe that such a state of affairs could exist in this age, when so much is heard of "housing campaigns," "home improvement" and "big building programmes."

Someone's business

It is a scandalous thing that any person should have to abandon shelter.

Even supposing that the distracted woman had received ample notice to quit her home, we should have thought that before her bungalow was destroyed someone would have made sure that she had another home to go to.

The present case is particularly regrettable since the homeless woman was ailing, and hardship was also involved for two tiny children.

Now, the bungalows in question were apparently erected with the full knowledge of the local Urban District Council, and plans in each case would have to be passed by the council's surveyor.

As a matter of fact, this bungalow settlement has more than justified its existence, for it did much to relieve the local housing shortage among poor people.

Later, as more houses became available, a large number of the residents left the bungalows, using them only as week-end or holiday residences, or letting them to visitors.

Then, about two years ago, the matter engaged the attention of the local council, which decided that in one quarter, an area of about twelve acres, a nuisance existed. In this area there were some two hundred buildings.

The root evil

The owner of the land was summoned and ordered to abate the nuisance within six months by the removal of all the bungalows. Other areas of the settlement are so far left untouched.

He solved this problem by selling the field to a firm of building contractors. The latter promptly offered sites for sale for the erection of houses on their newly acquired property and proceeded to clear the land of the bungalows.

While they were perfectly within their rights in doing this, no one can commend a system which in this case worked out so harshly. It would appear to be essentially a case for wise discrimination.

It is true that the bungalows were looked upon only as a temporary makeshift, and nobody would wish to suggest that they should be left as a permanent settlement, but Mrs. Firth's case is a moving example of the tragedies brought about by the housing problem, which, in spite of the fleeting years, still remains unsolved.

FIND THE MAN WITH THE TEETH!

IF YOU SEE CECIL—WHISTLE!

A Chameleon Cheat

IT is a singular fact that many accomplished crooks who have soared to remarkable heights of criminal achievement often indulge in "resting" periods, during which they elect to follow less picturesque pursuits. But they always contrive to make their "resting" periods as profitable as possible.

This characteristic applies aptly to an individual whose real name is Henry Cecil Wilson, but who changes his name almost as often as he changes his methods.

He can descend from a drawing-room to a doorstep in one sudden flight, and suffer no loss of dignity or self-assurance in the process.

In his more ambitious moments Wilson has reaped some amazing hauls, and complaints have been exceedingly numerous during the past few months, in which time he has operated over a very large area.

He turned up at Leamington a little while back and promptly sought out a pleasant boarding-house. He was a stranger in the district, he declared, and as he might be staying for an indefinite period he would like to engage a comfortable room.

Telling the tale

He was extremely well attired and, after he had taken up his residence in the boarding-house, he confided that his visit to Leamington was purely of a business nature.

He was a master engineer, he further explained, occupying an important position as touring representative to a firm of metal manufacturers and constructional engineers whose name is known throughout the world.

In casual corroboration of his statements, he displayed certain printed matter purporting to refer to the firm in question.

Needless to say, the entire story was an elaborate fabrication; but the boarding-house proprietor had no means of knowing that.

Sudden departure

Wilson registered as Henry Cecil Wilkinson, and having created an initial impression of importance, informed his host that he had to fix up apartments for some dozen odd workmen who were following him from London on the following day to start on a big local contract.

A moderate class of dwelling would suffice, and he would be glad if his host could direct him to a likely quarter of the town.

This was only one of the many lying stories by which means Wilson, alias Wilkinson, contrived to impose upon the Leamington boarding-house proprietor for nearly a fortnight.

And all the time he lived lavishly at his host's expense, and continued to talk grandly of the big position he held in the engineering world.

Then, suddenly he departed without settling his lengthy account, at the same time taking with him all the valuables he could conveniently lay his hands on.

All over the country similar coups have been brought off successfully, at places as far apart as Leicester and Glastonbury, Bristol and Market Harborough, Salford and Brighton, Eccles and Chatham.

He was at the last-named town only a few days ago, electing to pass in that community as Charles Hall. His story was very similar to the one so cleverly told at Leamington, except that "Mr. Hall" was no longer a touring constructional engineer.

For his present purposes he posed as a railway-signal expert, about to fulfil a contract for improving the local system by introducing a new invention, of which he was the patentee.

Once again he added colour to his conversation by talking airily of finding lodgings for his workmen; and once again the same sorry outcome was enacted when the imposing "Mr. Hall" disappeared with a number of valuables and leaving his bill unpaid.

Doorstep diddler

In similar coups Wilson has adopted the names of Frank Holmes, Henry George Holmes, H. Franks, Montague Stutter, Frank Powell and M. Williams.

But, as we have hinted, Wilson sometimes seeks less pretentious pastimes. Sometimes he seeks escape from the busy profession of constructional engineering and the exacting duties of a signal system expert. It is then that he descends to the level of the common doorstep diddler!

Even in this unedifying capacity he brings every ounce of his ability into play, and, of course, his inventive eloquence serves him in good stead.

He will assume the part of "district representative" of a firm supposed to be dealing in household commodities, and, by means of a well-told tale, will convince housewives that such desirable articles as carpet-sweepers will be delivered to them on payment of a very small deposit.

Once he has succeeded in obtaining the cash, Wilson departs, never to be seen again, and his dupes get nothing in return save a piece of worthless paper as a receipt.

While this much-sought-for rascal is still at large no section of society can be said to be safe from him. He is well known to the police as a rogue who has been in and out of jail for years for following a most persistent career of crime.

But long experience has evidently lent him additional cunning, hence his repeated successes in recent months.

He should not be a difficult person to identify, having extremely prominent teeth.

Should his future travels bring him into contact with any of our readers they will earn the gratitude of the community by promptly reporting to the nearest gentleman in blue.

Chief Constable Wensley of Scotland Yard, whose able lieutenants should soon round up Cecil Wilson

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MEET "PROFESSOR DR." BUNKUM FROM BRUSSELS

A CURIOUS booklet is being issued by the New Mind Training Club, of 146, Rue du Trone, Brussels, the author of which is described as "a very honest man."

He calls himself Professor Dr. Apiarus Matolius, which seems all in his favour. No one who wasn't honest would own to a name like that! But let us look at the man as he is revealed in his works.

Perfect success

"Owing to his great power of concentration," we read, "he worked hard and much. Owing to the principles laid down in this system, he has succeeded in life most perfectly. He knows health and wealth, and so his family do. He never used any drug to be healed and he recovered always very quickly."

We hasten to add that "this system" refers to mind-training methods, whereby success in any branch of life may easily be realised.

Professor Dr. Apiarus Matolius gives his earnest assurance that "in the course each word is simple and easily to be understood by anyone who can read plain English."

What to do

But, thrown in with the course, which is offered at £6, is a patent device which is, presumably, of great assistance in helping the pupils to master the simple lessons.

This is known as the "Radio-magnetic-Biologic Concentrator," and it is sometimes offered separately at the "special price" of £1.

The instructions for using this device are so intriguing that we feel prompted to quote in detail.

The pupil who wishes to concentrate has only to "place the apparatus on his forehead with the two antennæ on the temples and the capsule containing the concentrating substance in the centre of the forehead; it is advisable, however, to breathe several times on the capsule and to damp the two temples."

After a minute, we read, the relaxation is complete. "This produces a sort of contact with the subconscious and the concentration can start."

For those who find that concentration comes slowly a little ritual is provided. They are advised to repeat: "All outside earthly troubles depart and disappear. I am profoundly calm."

Ten minutes concentration is advocated at the first attempt, but the length of time, we learn, can be increased progressively. When the apparatus is taken off the hands should be passed lightly over the forehead and temples!

Arrant humbug

Testimonials are quoted for the sceptical, one being from a business man who declares: "Since using the concentrator I have superb ideas."

If people do not rush to take up a correspondence course of mind-training, they are favoured with various follow-up letters, and Professor Dr. Apiarus Matolius is not too honest to reduce his fees on occasion.

Of course, the whole thing is an arrant piece of humbug, and those who are foolish enough to send to Brussels in the belief that the "Professor Dr." can put them on the road to health and wealth deserve to lose their money!

Excusable error

What can be said for Professor Dr. Apiarus Matolius, who has always recovered very quickly without drugs? In the first place, the prefix "Dr." does not stand for doctor, though people might be excused for harbouring that assumption.

Quite recently, in fact, he volunteered the information that it was short for "director," and that he was director of the Teaching Club, which is housed at the same address as the New Mind Club.

The Teaching Club, we find, also conducts correspondence courses, but when operating as "director" of that institution Professor Dr. Apiarus Matolius apparently turns more honest still and prefers to be known by his real name, which is plain—Van Slype!

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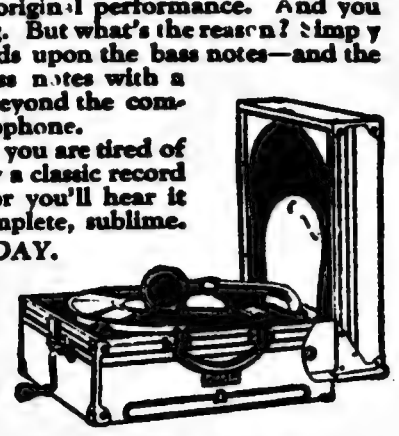

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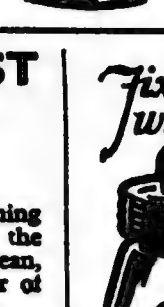
THE MUSICIAN'S  INSTRUMENT

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SHOPKEEPERS!

Read the Announcement on page 39.

IN spite of the strongest protests, fox-hunting is again in full swing. Nothing is so repugnant to human nature as cruelty. Yet the crime of hunting animals is permitted and called "sport." What a vile travesty of the word!

Hooligans on Horseback

by **ESME WINGFIELD-STRATFORD, D.Sc., M.A.**

WE British people pride ourselves on being the most humane people in the world; whereat foreigners shrug their shoulders and say unkind things about the Britisher's sovereign faculty of cant.

Our humanity is no doubt genuine enough, so far as it goes. We are a kindly disposed folk; the man who ill-treated a horse or a dog in public would be asking for a rough house. Long ago law and public opinion stopped cock-fighting, badger-drawing, bull-baiting. Only recently pigeon-shooting matches were added to the list.

The attempt to acclimatise the rodeo was an outrage on public decency that was, in effect, hooted out of the country.

And yet the amazing fact remains that the organised torture of animals ranks among our most sacred national institutions, that the least endeavour to restrict or mitigate it is resented with a persecuting intolerance that is hardly shown to the reddest Bolshevism.

Nay, more; that some of the most prominent recognised champions of kindness to animals are men and women whose chief joy in life it is to assist in torturing them.

Yes, torture! It is more polite to call it sport, but if our nerves are tough enough to endure the thing, let us at least have the common honesty not to strain at the word.

Nightmare of fear

Let us try to imagine the feelings of a hunted hare. No one who has ever lived in the country, and used his eyes, will dispute me when I say that this little animal's master emotion is the fear of being pursued and caught by one of his many enemies. See him sitting up in a field, his long ears cocked, his brown body quivering with the sense of danger.

We human beings live for the most part safe and at home, and yet even we know that the most horrible of all nightmares is that in which we are being chased by something from which, with the paralysed helplessness of dreams, we are unable to get away.

If to be thus hunted down constitutes the extremity of terror even to us, how much worse must it be for a hyper-sensitive creature to whom the possibility is continually present!

That this is no straining of the imagination will be evident to anyone who has heard the dreadful shriek, like that of a child, that the hare gives when the teeth finally close on his flesh. How, after hearing this sound, anybody with ordinary human feelings can endure to go on with this form of sport is a thing that one finds hard to understand.

Another form of licensed torture is stag-hunting. To the hunting of wild stags on Exmoor all that has been said about hunting hares applies, in principle, with equal force, and the eyes of a hunted stag are as pitiful a memory as the cry of a seized hare.

Un-British brutality

The hideous and un-British brutality with which more than one poor brute, who even by sporting standards had earned his right to life by swimming to sea or leaping on to some cliff-side ledge, was caught and butchered in cold blood, has directed public attention to this particular form of brutality with such insistence that there has been belated and qualified talk of concessions.

The only concession that will satisfy decent people is for the thing to stop once and for all.

As for the hunting of tame stags, that are brought in carts for the special purpose of being chased, in terror, by dogs all over the country, it is really extraordinary that this should be allowed by law in a nation which at least prides itself on its sense of humour. Humanity apart, there is no reason for making ourselves a laughing-stock.

The hunting of otters is on a slightly different footing. Here we are dealing with a conspicuously gallant little animal who fights hard and desperately for his life.

Sickening sights

This has only the effect of prolonging his agonies, and I suppose adds to the fun of the sport, which may last for hours and involve digging down to the poor animal in whatever refuge he has taken shelter until, exhausted and bleeding, he is literally torn to pieces by his enemies.

And one has seen girls, not yet grown up, standing with poles in the stream in order to turn back the fleeing otter into the jaws of his pursuers.

I have so far alluded to forms of sport for the abolition of which, even in the opinion of more than one noted sportsman, the time is ripe. If they were once abolished no one would dare to suggest their revival. Once break the habit, and the man who could openly admit to taking pleasure in the torture of helpless and beautiful creatures would be shunned as worse than a brute.

Let us begin, therefore, with the abolition, by law, of these grosser forms of cruelty, which are an open disgrace to any civilised nation, and with them will go the coursing of live hares, which the new electric hare has put completely out of date, and of which the only defence ever offered was that the poor man had a right to his own cherished brutalities so long as the rich man kept his.

Once this has been accomplished we can proceed to the harder task of educating public opinion about the sacred cult of fox-hunting. This is a subject on which more nauseating sentiment has been spilled than any other.

Spurious indignation

It has been called the sport of kings, though if you had insulted one of our mediæval kings by suggesting that he chased vermin, you would have stood a good chance of being hunted yourself with a battle-axe.

The necessity of keeping down such a destructive pest as Reynard is gravely dwelt upon, in spite of the fact that in hunting districts foxes are carefully preserved and even, on occasion, imported from other districts and turned loose to prey on the local hen-roosts.

And I have known devout fox-hunters who have worked themselves up to a high pitch of moral indignation over the predatory habits of their quarry, as if they were veritable crusaders in revenging the wrongs of innocent poultry upon so merciless a brute. And yet there are foreigners who talk of cant!

It is on the very qualities of sportsmanship and fair play that I rely when I ask, "Is it not possible, ladies and gentlemen, to make a small sacrifice—how small I hope to show—for the sake of pity and human kindness?" For, make no mistake about it, to hunt to death an animal, even a fox, is to torture him in the most exquisite of all possible ways.

It is impossible to extract pleasure out of any creature's pain without paying for it in a certain hardening of the soul, a blunting of the finer feelings. Imagine the effect on one of those unfortunate children of both sexes who are initiated into the mysteries of the chase by having their cheeks smeared with the warm blood of an animal

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whose body the hounds are tearing to pieces. Could anything be more calculated to break that fellowship with all things living that is the most endearing feature of childhood?

Pests of society

In the palmy days of fox-hunting, when the nineteenth century was still young, a certain brutal and beefy manliness may have had its uses. Those were days when gentlemen drank themselves under the table with punch stirred with the reeking brush of that day's fox, when a noble duke could earn applause by eating a fox's head devilled.

To-day, when the supreme need is for peace and the spirit of brotherhood and loving-kindness of which peace is born, this type of gentleman is as great a pest of society as the hooligan.

Moreover, the cult of fox-hunting is, at present, the chief obstacle in the way of any further progress in the direction of kindness to animals. Hare and stag and otter hunting are kept alive by the fear that if they are forbidden, fox-hunting will be the next to go.

I have heard butchers resisting any attempt at introducing humane slaughter on the ground that the gentry who advocate this change practise methods far more inhuman than those of the pole-axe.

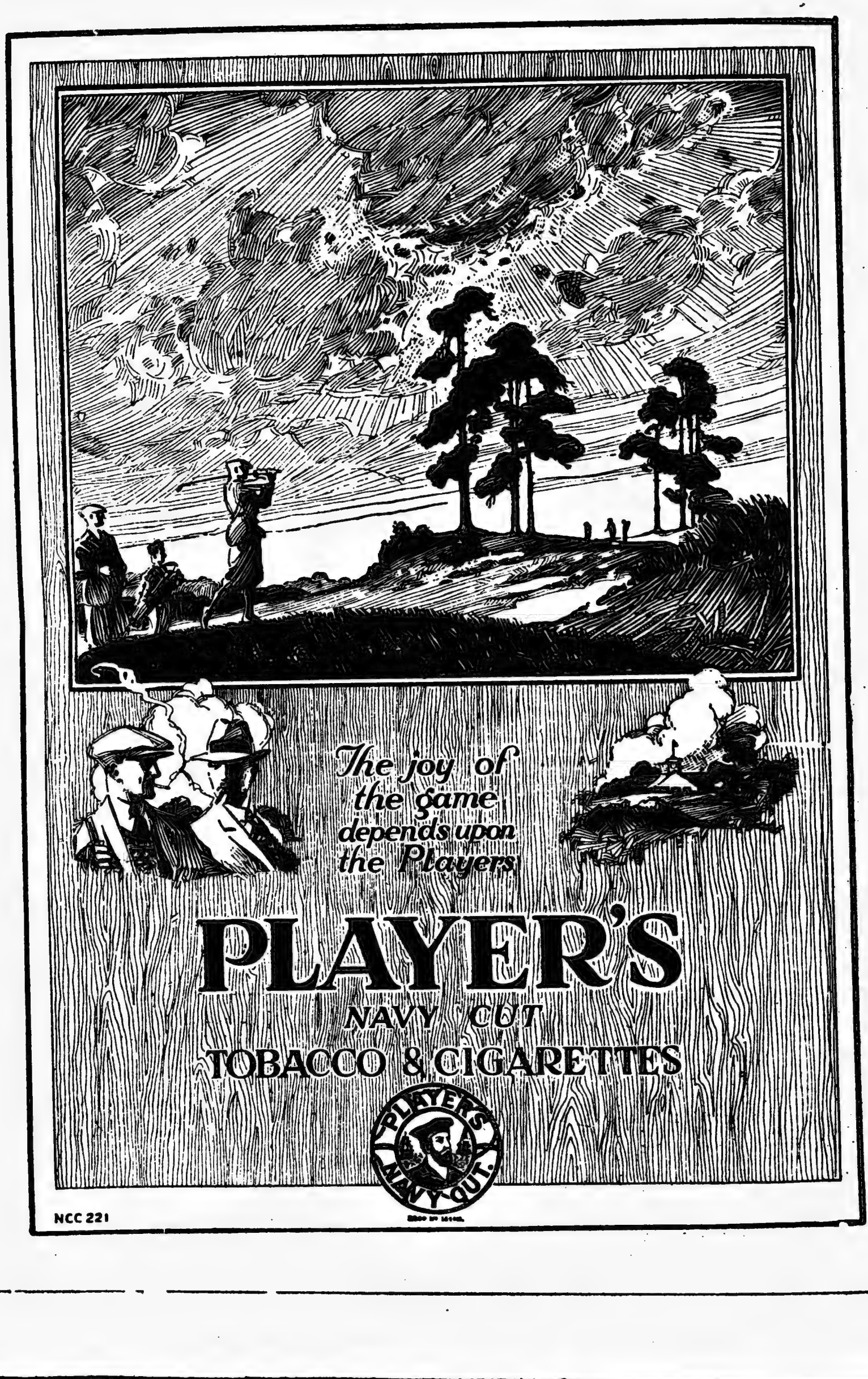
The efforts of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are notoriously paralysed by the fact that any attempt to interfere with blood sports would lose it the support of many of its most prominent members. "All this fuss about a starling!" grumbles the needy bird-fancier. "Then what about foxes?"

Unashamed blood lust

And the thing is so unnecessary! If it is hard riding and keen sport that is wanted, why not effect a similar change to that which is already taking place in greyhound-coursing, and replace the live fox by a drag? The qualities of courage and sportsmanship will be in as much demand as ever, the excitement as great, the sport more certain.

The only conceivable reason that anybody could have for opposing such a change, that preserves all the advantages and amenities of fox-hunting without its cruelty, could be summed up in the phrase, "No blood, no sport!" If anybody is prepared to take this ground, let him come forward and state his case honestly.

Public opinion is likely to find a short way of dealing with blood lust, naked and unashamed.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To the Rt. Hon. Viscount COWDRAY, G.C.V.O., Carlton House Terrace, S.W.

My Lord,—You are "afraid the nation will not stand for the expense" if the Liberal Party proceeds with its land campaign, as "the one thing electors are crying out for is a Government of economy." But why shout economy only when land and commercial prosperity are in question? Start with economy in armaments, and insist that instead of guns men make ploughs and instruments of industry, and the Liberal or any other Party will have no difficulty in running the programme to success. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. J. H. THOMAS, M.P., Unity House, N.W.

Dear Sir,—You are never weary of preaching the wisdom of friendly co-operation between employers and employed, so the least I can do is to back you on every occasion. "We have got to stop talking at each other, and talk to each other," you remark in your customary trenchant manner, and no one who has any knowledge of the matter will doubt that you are speaking the truth. If the industrial difficulties of the years that have gone teach us this lesson they will indeed have served a beneficent purpose. John Bull.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir WILLIAM BULL, M.P., King Street, Hammersmith.

Dear Sir,—I, no more than you, would like to see a return of pre-war conditions under which shopkeepers and assistants worked for long and dreary hours every day, but the claim that the absurd anomalies and restrictions of "Dora" are necessary in order to avoid this is piffle, and merely denotes in our rulers a lack of brains of organising capacity. To encroach upon the liberty of a whole nation and excuse it in the problematical interests of the few is sheer humbug.

John Bull.

To Vice-Admiral Sir HENRY BRUCE, K.C.B., Housing Committee, Westminster Council.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the scathing criticism levelled at the appalling slums of wealthy Westminster, you observe, "I have nothing whatever to say. I stand by every word of the committee's report." Since this report amounted merely to a plea that you were doing your best—ever the excuse of incompetence—I suggest that you should make way for those who would tackle this grave problem with real energy and enthusiasm.

John Bull.

To Sir ROWLAND BLADES, G.B.E., M.P., Retiring Lord Mayor of London.

Dear Sir,—I like the description that tells of you as "wearing robes blazed with gold, decked with rose diamonds 320 years old, but flashing against a tweed waistcoat covering the heart of the most gentle and kindly merchant of the City." That your last public banquet was given to the dustmen, scavengers, sewermen, street sweepers and such workers proves that you and your family know in whose hands lies the cleanliness and health of London. You have not only a kindly heart, but a discerning one. John Bull.

To Mrs. BARTON, Women's Co-operative Guild.

Dear Madam,—In view of the terrible mortality of mothers in childbirth, you plead for more specialisation in maternity work by doctors and for better home conditions. That mothers face confinement already exhausted by home work and poor food is only too often true. As for the specialised medical aid, there is no work more worthy than to help those institutions which give this particular form of training. I may mention Queen Charlotte's Hospital as an example.

John Bull.

To Mr. HAROLD W. H. HELBY, Maelcombe, E. Prawle, Devon.

Dear Sir,—"The men make the city." I like your argument from this premise. A bad environment makes bad citizens and if good citizens initiate a good environment bad citizens can be slowly improved by it, once it is shaped. Draining the field gets rid of the rushes and gives the meadow grass a chance to grow. John Bull.

To Alderman BEN TURNER, Chairman, Trades Union Congress.

Dear Sir,—"What is morally wrong cannot be nationally right," you insist; and since all sane men must acknowledge that killing is ethically a crime, warfare must of necessity ever be vile. I agree also that the way to prevent it is to cease to prepare for it, and would call the attention of all to your wise words: "War, though the profiteer's paradise, is a nation's graveyard."

John Bull.

To Mr. R. J. ALBON, London District Farriers' and Blacksmiths' Assoc.

Dear Sir,—Although an employer, you range yourself alongside the workers. You declare yourself with them all the way, recognising the value of trade unions and realising that the higher wages men receive the more prosperous are employers. Those who take the opposing view prove the truth of the saying: It is possible to walk through the forest and fail to see the wood for the trees. John Bull.

To Miss DOREEN LONG, The Place, Balsham.

Madam,—That you used a riding-whip to chastise a girl of fourteen whom you found "trespassing" on your father's estate shows you mistook the year of your birth. You should have arrived on the scene in the Middle Ages. As it is, you were very properly brought up in court and proved guilty. But I think the Linton magistrates mistaken in merely binding you over and ordering you to pay costs. You are a public nuisance.

John Bull.

To Mr. R. GLAVE SAUNDERS, M.R.C.V.S., Little Haccombe, Redhills, Exeter.

Dear Sir,—You "most emphatically decry" the further erection of costly war memorials of brass and stone while thousands of ex-Service men are still looking for a job, hundreds of dependents of the fallen in straitened circumstances looking for a house and a strangling war debt crippling business enterprise. Like you I think it is "all wrong." It is time we pulled ourselves up and revised our sense of values. John Bull.

To Mr. JOHN THOMAS WOOSTER, Mayor of Poplar.

Dear Sir,—To absorb local unemployment, you would clean the canal running for several miles from the Thames to West Ham of thousands of tons of mud which have accumulated during the past fifty years. It would naturally cost a great deal, but since workless men cannot be allowed to starve nor their families perish, I agree that money spent in wages is a thousandfold more profitable than money doled out in "relief." In fact, your idea is common-sense, born of a man who, a worker himself, knows what facing winter on unemployment means. John Bull.

Straight from the Shoulder

Mr. Baldwin:—"Socialism and spending are synonymous."

Which puts it in line with other Parties, especially where armaments are concerned.

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Mr. John Hodge:—"The British worker is a man to be proud of."

Not the least because he is too proud to be boastfully proud of himself.

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Mr. Ralph Knott:—"If a man does his life's work he should be content; there is no need to put up a memorial to him."

Life's work well done brings imperishable memorials woven into the warp and weft of the race.

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Mr. J. C. C. Davidson:—"There are as many dangerous people at the other as the youthful end."

Understatement. There are very many more elderly dangers than youthful danger points.

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Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

THE WESTMINSTER GAS-WORKS

ALL SAY AND NO DO!

The Unfaithful Stewards

PARLIAMENT has met at last and the Westminster Gas-works are again in full blast. It is little short of a national scandal that in the present state of the country's disruption Parliament should have been holiday-making for so long.

We do not think that any Government has ever faced the opening of a new session with such a load of discredit attaching to it as this one. With illimitable power, with no one to say it nay, no matter what it may do, it has done nothing.

It has no remedies to offer for anything. It has no policy about anything. It is drifting hither and thither as the cross-currents of Party may direct, and its chief occupation would appear to be the avoiding of effort and the avoidance of trouble at all costs.

It is no wonder that the Labour Party objected strenuously to the conscripting of the whole of Parliament's time for what is euphemistically termed "Government business."

It is no wonder that it demanded time to discuss unemployment, the tragic situation in the coalfields, the vital question of naval armaments and foreign policy, and the extraordinary failure of the Government to sign the Eight Hours Convention it has on repeated occasions promised to do.

ARE we to assume that none of these things is "Government business"? Does the Government really wish the country to believe that the fact that there are 79,000 more unemployed to-day than when the Parliamentary recess began is not a matter that merits its attention?

"We cannot," said Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, "meet here imagining ourselves to be separated from the rest of the world and the rest of the nation." That in a sentence is the most damning indictment of the present Government that we have ever read.

It behaves as though national business was an academic question to be talked about pleasantly in formal debates, whereas "national business" means in reality men and women and children who, because those to whom they entrusted the government of the country will not lift a finger to help them, are slowly eating out their hearts in misery and despair.

"The Government," said Commander Kenworthy, "is proposing to deal with a series of Bills which will not help British trade and will not in any way find work for the unemployed. That is a waste of the time of the House."

And Captain Garro Jones remarked that "The executive to-day is putting down on the Order Paper not questions the discussion of which would be for the benefit of the country, but questions which will avoid embarrassment to themselves."

WE have no doubt at all that these remarks are echoed throughout the country whenever men and women take the trouble to think, if they think at all, about Parliament and its works.

At any rate, the London *Evening News* is in no doubt at all as to the effect of this avoidance of coming to grips with the things that matter on the country and on the Government's prospects in the country.

"So we have," it says, "a galaxy of measures dealing with sleepy sickness, with the hours for the sale of tripe, with the dissemination of the dole, with cinemas, and the wearing of red lights on the tails of bicycles. But with the sleepy sickness of tax-bled industry, with the red light of growing international discord, with the tripe that is dressing their political windows, they are not concerned."

We—and we fancy we speak for the vast majority of the country—are becoming increasingly tired of a Government that has the power to do everything and does nothing. We can only warn it that the power entrusted to it can also be taken from it, and that unless it does something and does it quickly its days are numbered.

The Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., who voiced a justifiable protest against the Government's indifference to problems that are crushing the life out of the country

A PUZZLE FOR POLITICIANS

And so Easy to Solve!

THERE is a school of thought which, whenever unemployment is mentioned, shouts "Emigrate!" We are likely to hear more of it.

Let us be fair. We do not suggest that the most ardent advocate of emigration acts in a mere spirit of "out of sight out of mind," or thinks that to charter ships and fill them with down-at-heel out-of-works is a kind of "open sesame" to prosperity.

He has in his mind two concrete pictures. One is of overcrowded cities on this side unable to absorb all the "surplus" labour that waits at their gates; the other is of broad and smiling lands across the sea, of virgin forests waiting to be worked and hundreds of thousands of broad acres of cultivable land waiting for the labour that is not there.

Both pictures are true, but both are misleading. If it were simply that Britain had too many men without work and the Dominions too much work without men, there would be no unemployment problem because it would be already solved.

The issue is less simple than many friends of wholesale emigration would have us believe. Unemployment is rampant on both sides of the sea.

It is rife in the Dominions. It is acute in New Zealand. It reaches from the North Cape to the Bluff. In Auckland City homes are impoverished, children want clothes, mothers are haggard. They cannot make ends meet because husbands and fathers cannot get work.

Before the war these young countries were happy and prosperous. There was work in the towns, families had ample and good food, clothes, and a little for luxury. Things were on the upgrade and a fair proportion of immigrants from the Mother Country could be steadily absorbed.

Now these young countries boast doss-houses, soup kitchens, places for "down-and-outs," and relief bills which may, in a single town, run to thousands of pounds monthly.

In these circumstances, of what use is it to send shiploads of unemployed from one workless country into another workless country? It is more profitable to search out and face the cause of all this world-wide distress.

It is quite simple. Ever since the Great War another war has been going on. It is the tariff fight. Goods cannot be made nor products sold because tariffs hinder and block the trade routes along which they ought to flow.

The world wants goods. Men and women want work. Let us pull down the tariff walls and give both a chance

BIG GUNS

Truth at Last

ARMISTICE Week has passed. We have had our Two Minutes Silence, and never before have those impressive moments held more of real honour for the dead.

This year the nation has done more than weep over the sacrifice of fallen youth. They died, without exception, in one great faith and hope. On every side their leaders had told them theirs was a holy crusade. They were waging "the last war; the war to end war."

Now living voices are re-echoing that faith. Among the most distinguished is that of Field-Marshal **Sir William Robertson**, who served in the British Army from the age of seventeen, and who, from 1915 to 1918, was Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

He has come to the conclusion *that war has become a wholly detestable thing*; that it is utterly futile, and nearly as disastrous as to victors as to vanquished.

That is the summing-up of fifty years of military experience during which the speaker was in the highest councils of State whenever international questions of armaments and war were under discussion.

Prudence might pause were signs of war abhorrence apparent only in one nation. They are not. The War Danger Conference being held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on November 24, will include speakers from Italy, France and Germany.

Of the latter, General Von Schoonaich was a prominent German general all through the Great War. He too was thoroughly disillusioned. He is working for Peace now. If another war is to be averted, it is the only thing to do.

The Monocled Mystery

by A. G. GARDINER

"THE whole tradition of our Foreign Office, as of other Foreign Offices, is to treat diplomacy as a dark seance, a mystery with which the public and Parliament have nothing to do until war comes"

The Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, K.G., M.P., Foreign Secretary

I HAVE had many disagreements with Mr. Lloyd George in the past and expect to have many disagreements with him in the future, but I am bound to confess that he has moments of courage and illumination that no one else in public life rivals. His devastating exposure of Sir Austen Chamberlain at the Aldwych Club is a case in point.

Sir Austen cannot complain, for he had gone out of his way to ask for it. No one who wants peace will complain, for it is obvious that Sir Austen has become the most dangerous obstacle to peace in Europe.

I do not mean by this that Sir Austen is a jingo. I do not even mean that he is not friendly to the League of Nations. I think that Sir Austen very sincerely desires peace and wants the League to prosper. The danger is not in Sir Austen's feelings. They are excellent.

It is his lack of understanding and vision, his ponderous vanity and his surrender to the officials of the Foreign Office that make him a peril.

Dangerous diplomacy

The war has taught him nothing. He is living in the old "hush-hush" world of secret diplomacy. The manipulation of foreign policy is a profound mystery that must not be desecrated by the touch of common hands.

If Parliament ventures to ask what is going on behind the scenes, still more if it ventures to doubt the wisdom of what is being done, he takes it as a personal affront.

He goes industriously to the meetings of the League at Geneva, but he assumes there an attitude of being someone in particular, aloof and unapproachable, that throws a wet blanket over the proceedings and chills the conference to the marrow. He gives the impression that he is in the League, but not of it.

He is there to check the frivolities and idealism of a lot of well-meaning but irresponsible children, who think they have an interest in the affairs of the world and have the impertinence to try to poke their noses into the great matters that he is arranging with one or two men in private.

Poaching on preserves

In all this he represents the animus of the Foreign Office, whose tool he has become, towards the League as a dangerous poacher on the Foreign Office preserves. It is notorious that the Foreign Office does not love the League. It is natural that it should not love the League.

The whole tradition of our Foreign Office, as of other Foreign Offices, is to treat diplomacy as a dark séance, a mystery with which the public and Parliament have nothing to do until war comes.

This principle of secrecy is made all the more dangerous because the Foreign Office is a close corporation of officials that cannot be invaded from outside.

No qualities of brain or character will give a man access to the Foreign Office. You can only enter that service by nomination, and if you are not in the charmed circle of influence, the brother of So-and-so or the son of What's-his-name, you have no chance of being admitted.

Thus the most vital interest affecting the nation becomes the affair of a little coterie of officials, aloof from all contact with public opinion and saturated with the doctrine of secrecy.

It is natural, I say, that it should regard the League with an unfriendly eye, for the League embodies a wholly new doctrine. Its aim is to establish peaceful international relationships, and since secret diplomacy is the source of all wars its purpose is to substitute open diplomacy wherever it can safely be adopted.

Leadership lost

In this conflict of the old dispensation and the new, Sir Austen is frankly on the side of the old. Since he became Foreign Minister this country has entirely lost the position it had in the League under the influence of Lord Balfour, Lord Cecil and Mr. MacDonald.

Each of those three statesmen threw himself heart and soul into the cause of the League as the only hope of securing Europe against war, and they made this country the moral leader of the world in this great enterprise.

It was a position which belonged to us by the nature of the case. If we cannot save Europe by our example no one else can.

That leadership has gone. Instead of being an inspiration to the League, this country has become the most serious obstacle to its development. It is not Sir Austen's stiff and superior manner that is alone responsible. That is unfortunate enough, for responsible statesmen from other countries do not like being lectured like small boys.

But the manner would pass if the actions behind it were right. Since Locarno, however, Sir Austen has become merely an impediment, obstinate, vain and intractable. His success in that affair was admirable, but it has gone to his head.

It is bad for a man to be deified by others; but Sir Austen has deified himself, which is still worse. He regards Locarno as the beginning and the end of things and is outraged by the notion that anything remains to be done.

Stubborn obstacle

Locarno was an important achievement, but it was only the beginning. It guaranteed peace between France and Germany on the Rhine; but our interest in peace is not limited to the Rhine.

The only peace that is worth having is world peace, for wherever war breaks out we can hardly fail to be involved. And world peace can only be achieved by making the League an efficient bulwark against war.

But Sir Austen blocks every proposal to this end. Much as he admits the Locarno model, he refuses to consider any extension of that principle. It is clear that arbitration is the only alternative to war, but he will not sign the optional arbitration clause of the League Covenant.

It is clear that without disarmament all talk of peace is idle talk; but he will not take disarmament out of the control of the Admiralty, which is only interested in the maximum of armaments. He even declares that we have reached the limit of disarmament.

In a word, instead of making this country the standard-bearer of European peace he makes it the most obstinate and powerful enemy of peace. He has done more than anybody in Europe, not excluding Mussolini and Chicherin, to reduce the League to a negation, to restore the old diplomacy to power and to pave the way to new wars more terrible than that from which we have emerged.

It is time the nation brushed this stubborn obstacle from the path of European accommodation and peace.

Doctors are too prone at times to disclose that which should not be disclosed. Pain and distress are thus often caused

Should a D

THE question, "Should a doctor tell?" is often raised—in the Law Courts and in coroners' courts. Doctors called into the witness-box regularly plead that their relationship to their patients is a confidential one, and that therefore they ought not to be asked to reveal the secrets of the sick-room; and just as regularly judges and coroners brush aside the plea and insist on disclosure. And the last word is with the judges.

Mr. A. F. Holt

But there is another aspect of the question, "Should a doctor tell?" which might be, and, I think, ought to be, discussed, but which never is—Ought a doctor to tell children that a parent is dying, or parents that a child is dying?

The question, on the face of it, seems a simple one, one that doesn't even need considering. One is inclined to say, off hand, that certainly the doctor ought to tell; but the question is not quite so simple as all that.

Does a doctor always know when a case is hopeless? Do patients always die when doctors say that they are going to die? Do patients never make marvellous recoveries even after all hope has been lost, and in spite of the doctors?

How many people die, not as the inevitable result of the illness which has caused the calling in of the doctor, but simply because the doctor has told the relatives that death was approaching, and because of the resulting atmosphere of mourning the patient has lost heart and hope, and so failed to put up that fight against death which is necessary if the corner is to be turned?

THERE are many cases—all doctors get them—where death and life depend on the temperament, the fighting spirit, of a patient. One will throw up the sponge, make no fight for life, offer the doctor no help; another will fight every

A Million Tragedies

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

IN our own Dominions, in France, Germany and Belgium, in Norway and Denmark, the divorce laws have long been reconciled with the claims of social justice. It is a scandal that we should so persistently refuse to hear the cry of the suffering

THE other day, Mr. Justice Hill threw a bombshell into the Divorce Court by stating bluntly that "Some day perhaps the law will be altered so as to enable a judge to use his discretion and order a divorce even if such relief is not asked for."

As long ago as 1912 a Royal Commission on Divorce and Matrimonial Causes expressed a similar opinion. "If separation is an undesirable remedy," it declared, "and leads to immorality, and is a heavier punishment than divorce, it seems unreasonable that the judge should have no power to make a divorce decree.

"If a party sues where there is ground for divorce, the remedy claimed is not one which concerns that party alone, but also the children, the State, and the interests of morality, and should not be left to the caprice of one party."

In his recent book, "Law, Life and Letters," the Earl of Birkenhead has a chapter on divorce law reform that should be read by everybody who is interested in the subject.

It is a clear, dispassionate, and yet forcible exposition of the overwhelming case that exists for a speedy reform of the divorce law.

Absolute martyrdom

"It is unfortunately," he says, "an imperative duty to insist that divorce as a remedy, or the advocacy of a particular case for divorce, is not aimed at the institution of marriage. The remedy is necessary in the higher interests of Society, both for its moral and spiritual welfare."

I doubt very much if those who for so many years have blandly ignored the recommendations of the Majority Report of the Royal Commission have any notion of the cruel suffering and absolute martyrdom that is going on.

I doubt very much if they have the smallest idea of the terrific mass of suffering that is being endured because of the hide-bound opposition of a small section to any talk of divorce law reform.

The divorce laws of England are the most backward in the civilised world. They deny the opportunity of wholesome marriage to tens of thousands of unhappy men and women. They are a standing incitement to immorality, a source of immeasurable social ills.

In our asylums, for instance, there are upwards of 60,000 married lunatics who have been certified longer than five years. Many thousands of them have been under detention for periods varying between ten and thirty years. Outside the walls of these asylums are maimed and broken lives linked with the lives of these inmates in "holy matrimony."

Cruel bondage

In every single instance the effective objects of marriage have been completely destroyed, for the bulk of such patients after five years have been pronounced hopelessly incurable.

What do the opponents of divorce law reform say to a case like this? A young girl married a man who a few years later developed softening of the brain and was removed to an asylum, where he has to be fed, dressed and even washed by the attendants.

There is one child of the union, a girl of fourteen, and already she betrays signs of mental instability, making heavy demands on her mother's watchfulness and care, demands which cannot adequately be met, for the poor woman has to be out most of the day seeking a livelihood for herself and her child.

A good and well-tried friend has offered her the protection of his name, and a comfortable home for herself and her daughter. If she were free to marry it might mean the salvation of her child, but the divorce law will not raise a finger to help.

Her "husband" will never again be anything better than a gibbering wreck of humanity, but he may live for years, the only husband the broken-hearted woman will ever know.

Nor will the divorce law lift a finger to help those who suffer from cruelty, desertion and drunkenness. More than a million wives and husbands in England and Wales are to-day living

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Birkenhead, the most clear-thinking, able exponent of the law at the present time

in a state of complete separation, principally because of a law which allows divorce only on the ground of adultery.

It is not as though another Royal Commission which sat as long ago as 1909 put forward "cranky" propositions. Its findings were the findings of a body of distinguished and capable investigators, looking broadly at the moral and social aspects of a bristling human problem.

It recommended that, in addition to adultery, cruelty, desertion for three years, incurable insanity after five years, habitual drunkenness found incurable after three years, and imprisonment for life under a commuted death sentence, should be made legal grounds for annulling a marriage.

Parents' torture

But nothing has been done, and meanwhile the cruel suffering goes on. Like the Priest and the Levite in the parable, the ecclesiastical opponents of divorce pass by on the other side.

During the war a girl married a Canadian soldier. After a few years he went off to Canada leaving her on the brink of motherhood and entirely without means. Her father and mother took her home, where three years ago her baby girl was born.

"My daughter," writes the mother, "is delicate and cannot earn her living. What worries us most is that if she were to die the man could at any time turn up and carry off our grand-daughter. He is her guardian by the law, it seems.

"There is a man we know well in love with my girl for many years, and he keeps offering to take her for better or for worse. I don't know what to advise her. As long as me and my old man are living there is a home for her and her child. But we can't save to provide for her. I'd die easier if I knew she had a good man to stand up for her, and the little one against the brute that ruined her life."

Minority tyranny

Just one case out of thousands. Just one damning disclosure out of an incredible number.

Does nobody care? Apparently the Church does not. The Earl of Birkenhead ends his chapter by a very pertinent question:

"Why should the archbishops and their lay friends in the Houses of Lords and Commons have the right to refuse relief in divorce cases to men of different communions who do not accept their views at all? Their action in this matter is nothing less than a minority tyranny which cases one conscience by outraging two others."

Until that question is answered satisfactorily, we have no very great reason to be proud of either our morality or our justice.

Doctor Tell?

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

inch of the way against death and sometimes most unexpectedly win.

In the former cases there is little chance of life; in the latter cases there is always a chance, always room for hope.

WHICH atmosphere is likely to lead a patient to put up a fight—one charged with gloom because of a doctor's pronouncement that death was approaching, or one charged with that hope which an optimistic and wise doctor will instil?

In which sick-room is a patient likely to have the better chance—one in which the doctor has kept to himself the knowledge that the shadow of death is over it, or one in which the watchers know full well that the doctor has given up hope?

In the latter case an atmosphere is created which cannot be altogether without its effect on the mind of the patient, and I am firmly of opinion that people have died, not because death was inevitable, but because the doctor has prophesied death.

Therefore I say, not that a doctor should never tell, but that he ought to leave the telling to the last possible moment. Not merely because I believe that sick people would then have a better chance of recovery, but also for the sake of the near and dear relatives of the sick.

Why should their feelings be harrowed, their whole lives disorganised, perhaps for weeks or months before death actually occurs, just because a doctor has taken it upon himself to tell them that death was on the way?

Is not the sorrow acute enough when death comes without it being tasted in anticipation day after day through weary weeks?

I HAVE known such cases. I have known sons neglect business, neglect health, sit up night after night, not merely for weeks but for months, because the doctor had told them prematurely that their father was dying.

I have known parents, for the same reason, sit up night after night with a sick child, tasting over and over the pangs of their prospective loss until the mother's mind has almost given way.

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TASTELESS IN TEA.

SINISTER STREET SINNERS

by **CANON J. HASLOCH POTTER, M.A.**

FROM personal knowledge, our contributor bears testimony to the work of the police-court missionary. He is convinced that terrible housing conditions are responsible for a great amount of crime. When will the authorities recognise this fact and get to work?

"GAWD," said a ruffian just sentenced to imprisonment for a particularly brutal assault, "who'll look after my little dawg?" "I will," volunteered the police-court missionary, though of course it was no part of his business.

"You will be kind to him, guv'nor, won't you?" remarked the man, who, though he had not the slightest qualm about smashing a fellow-creature, was yet wonderfully tender in the matter of animals.

This simple act resulted, months after, in a friendship, greatly to the advantage of the one who had "done time." Here we have illustrated the true spirit of the missionary's work. Lose no opportunity of showing yourself to be a friend.

The whole idea of the Police Court Mission lies in bringing the personal touch of a trained, religious worker, man or woman, to bear on those in need of help.

Fine testimony

A Departmental Committee, appointed by the Home Secretary in 1922, says:

"The missionary work of the police-courts is of the utmost value to magistrates. All the witnesses, including magistrates, were unanimous in attaching great importance to it."

A later report, 1925, is in exactly the same strain.

But, remember, if the work of the probation officer is to be performed by a missionary, it can only be through large voluntary support given to the Police Court Mission.

If once the probation officer becomes a State official pure and simple, then the Home Office can only enquire very broadly into character, business ability and the like.

The work of the police-court missionaries concerns itself with men, women and children in all stations of life. We will begin with the boys. A really delightful specimen of humanity is the street Arab, if treated in the right way.

One Easter Monday a very intelligent, rather diminutive, scout came running up to his scoutmaster, waving a sack with great glee and singing out, "Oi pinched it." The leader of the troop had told the boy to borrow a sack. The scout, seeing a speedier way of doing his job, "pinched" the article.

Cheering letter

Where were his morals? Just where yours would have been if you had grown up in his surroundings.

This is one of the first lessons the missionary has to learn, not to apply his own standard of right and wrong, but to try and work his patients up to it.

Take a very simple specimen case. A boy is convicted of a felony. One, or more, of many causes may be at the back of it—poverty, a half-starved condition, parents' example, betting, the wish to make presents or take friends to the pictures.

The boy is put on probation and taken to a shelter or training home. He stays there till he is thought fit to have a place found for him, where, if

Canon J. Hasloch Potter

his probation be not over, he is still under the missionary's care.

Two or three years ago the superintendent of a shelter had the following letter:

"Dear Sir, I am getting on well. It was the best day's work in my life when the copper got me, and I was taken to your home. My love to the boys. Have you got another one as you can send up here? My old gaffer would like to take him."

Saving the rates

A woman came to seek a separation order because of her husband's cruelty when drunk. She was the widow of a well-known public man, whose portrait hangs in the council chamber of a northern town. Her second husband provided her with a luxurious home and her own carriage and pair.

Both took to drink and ultimately the missionary in whose hands the case was placed found them in one room, without a chair to sit on.

The man was no good and vamoosed, but the woman turned round and for years has been doing splendidly as a housekeeper. No! no one is "past praying for," not even a drunken woman.

Here is another case. A widow who had lost heart, let things go, taken to drink and pawned everything that was pawnable, came up on a charge of neglecting her four little children. The magistrate put her on probation so that the missionary might try his hand.

Indomitable Christian tact won the day, and the woman, who had first-rate stuff in her, was completely restored. "That job saved the rates a good £100 a year," said the clerk to the Board of Guardians.

Yes, and what did it save to the nation in that the children were rescued from squalor and vice?

A girl, after terrible experiences in a wretched home, tried to commit suicide. Quarter Sessions handed her over to the woman missionary. At the end of twelve months in one or two homes she is launched on life, and showing no tendency towards the old temptation.

Value of friendship

Why? She has given the reason in a letter. "I see now that I have real friends and need never try to do the wicked thing again."

Nine young fellows, all in fairly respectable positions as clerks or mechanics, came before a judge, charged with several burglaries from shops, the proceeds of which they made no attempt to get rid of, but stored in a stable.

The judge was in despair. He consulted the missionary, who said, "Leave them to me, my lord."

They were scolded and put on probation. In the war all joined up; three were killed and the rest, the missionary says, are respectable and respected citizens in the town where they masqueraded as a gang of burglars.

Yet, but for the probation system, with its missionary officers, they must all have gone to prison.

One point comes out very strongly. The worst cases, especially among young folk, are from the worst homes. Is not the moral clear that we must use every scrap of influence we possess for the urging on of the housing question?

The commonest decency, the most elementary morality, the barest suspicion of religion, are hopelessly unlikely where six or eight people live in a room, or four or five children sleep in a bed.

Again, the evil influence of heredity is often painfully manifest. Two young epileptics married, brought forth four epileptic children, the eldest boy by the time he was fifteen getting imprisonment for a horrid assault upon a girl.

A job for all

The educational status of the mother may be judged by the following letter: "sir plese giv i a groccy tikt cos i very wik and wenver i gos out i gos gidy."

Can you help the mission? Probably; I had almost said certainly. Any constable will put you in touch with your local police-court missionary.

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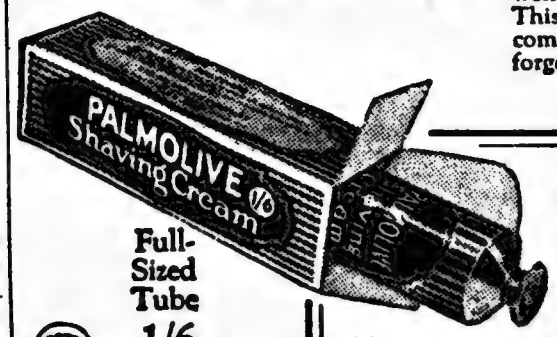

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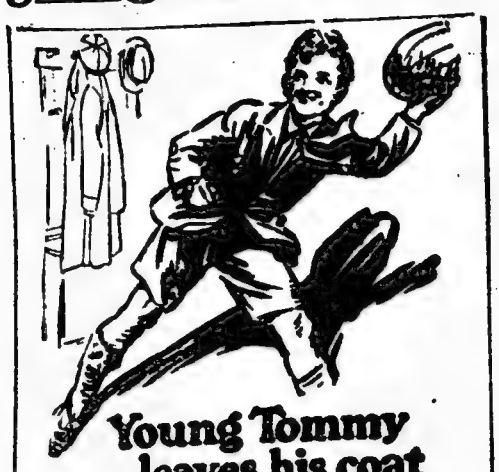

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In theory, the possession and use of firearms are prohibited, except under licence and with a permit from the police. In practice, these regulations are a farce, the laughing-stock of the criminal underworld.

The armed burglar or footpad, the ruffian who counts a revolver among the tools of his trade, would grin from ear to ear if reminded that, under the Firearms Act, 1920, he must have written permission to keep it from the chief police officer of his district.

The Firearms Act was passed soon after the war, when the country was littered with "guns," the relics of four years' licensed shooting by men in uniform.

Catering for crime

It was fondly imagined that the possessors of such "souvenirs" could be persuaded to "pile arms," to hand in their revolvers at the nearest police-station, for prompt confiscation or release on licence in exceptional cases.

To-day the country is stocked with unlicensed firearms, including the deadliest type of revolver. And there is not the smallest guarantee against their changing hands by theft, loan or mischance.

The illicit sale of such weapons is an everyday transaction, associated, as a rule, with the traffic in stolen goods, part and parcel of the great business of catering for crime.

Is it likely that the revolver used to murder P.C. Gutteridge on his lonely Essex beat was a licensed weapon in the hands of his brutal assailants? Had it paid its 10s. duty? Was its possession formally certified by the police?

A terrible laxity prevails in these matters. At Penge the other day an estate-agent shot himself dead, after wounding his girl companion.

Increased security

Years ago, the man had been in the police force, and upon retirement had retained in his possession two service revolvers, with one of which the fatal shots were fired.

The newspapers are full of such cases. Scarcely a week passes without a report of some murderous affray or fatal accident, directly traceable to the possession of firearms by persons holding no police permit, and having no justification for carrying or concealing weapons.

Moreover, police permits are frequently granted on totally inadequate grounds, and their renewal tends to become a meaningless formality, a mere matter of routine,

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks M.P., Home Secretary, who should see that the provisions of the Firearms Act are strengthened

instead of which there ought to be the most vigilant scrutiny.

Ordinarily speaking, there is no reason whatever why law-abiding citizens in a country like ours should possess themselves of killing tools, and every application for the purpose should be viewed with suspicion.

If nine-tenths of the existing police permits were cancelled, the result would be to increase, not to diminish, security of life and limb.

Absurd penalties

In regard to unlicensed weapons, the position is admittedly difficult, but far more could be done than at present to curb the evil. The penalties prescribed by the Firearms Act are absurdly inadequate.

It is too much the habit of magistrates to dismiss offenders with trifling fines, as if nothing more were at issue than a harmless oversight, like omitting to renew a radio licence at the proper date.

A different principle ought to govern such cases. It should be recognised that a person in possession of firearms without permission is guilty, to say the least, of criminal recklessness, that his revolver constitutes a public menace, that the situation is stamped with the potentiality of crime.

Illicit dealers in firearms should be treated, frankly, as dangerous criminals. They are not easily caught, but, as often as they are, the law should leave its mark.

For the dangers are truly appalling. In a London suburb, not many weeks ago, the police had to deal with a homicidal lunatic, brandishing a loaded revolver he had stolen from a neighbour's house.

Recently, the police circulated the description of a hound who had decoyed and violently assaulted a girl acquaintance. In the man's possession, wholly unauthorised, was a Colt revolver, with which he had threatened the girl's life.

The sale of pistols should be controlled at least as rigorously as the sale of poisons. Both are accessory to murder. Neither is yet handled with the firmness necessary for the effective prevention of crime.

Forgotten scare

A man bent on poisoning can walk into any chemist's shop and purchase all he needs in the way of killing concoctions without hindrance.

A few years ago, following one or two sensational murder trials, there was a loud demand that the law should prohibit the sale of weed-killing solutions, whose active principle was arsenic. But the scare died away, and the law is unaltered.

Next time one of these gardening mixtures is used for murder, the authorities will do their best to trace the murderer and hang him.

To suggest that the sale of poisonous trade commodities should be prohibited, or controlled, is to invite the charge of "fussiness," or of wanting to interfere with legitimate business.

"We cannot legislate for murderers" is the common objection to tightening up the Firearms Act, or strengthening the law against poisons. No one wants to.

What we can do, and ought to do, is to legislate, in advance, for their wretched victims, to reduce the assassin's opportunities to the narrowest dimensions.

As a beginning, it would be a good thing to send a special detachment of police, armed with the necessary search warrants, to certain establishments in Soho, Whitechapel, and other places, which have long been under suspicion in regard to the illicit trade in firearms.

Temptation to crime.

The next step should be a public warning in respect of the provisions of the Firearms Act, and a Home Office circular urging magistrates to treat any breach of its provisions as a crime, as a constructive threat to public safety.

Also, let the scale of penalties be revised, on the sensible and salutary principle that a man who keeps a killing weapon without permission has only himself to blame if his conduct is viewed in a criminal light.

Until the millennium arrives, we shall never abolish murder, but there would be fewer assassinations, probably less than half the number, if homicidal ruffians were robbed of their deadliest tools; while in many cases the revolver or the handy poison is its own temptation, inciting to crimes which might otherwise never soil the annals of our time.

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FOR some considerable time Chief Constable Wensley, chief of the plain clothes men at Scotland Yard, known familiarly as the "C.I.D.," has been directing enquiries into a grave criminal plot, which is regarded as a serious menace to the financial stability of the country.

This plot, which concerns an extensive campaign to flood England and some of the Dominions with forged notes, has latterly caused such anxiety in official circles that some of the best brains at Scotland Yard are kept daily concentrated upon the various phases of the investigation now proceeding.

During the past few weeks, an exceptionally large number of forged Treasury notes have been put into circulation in various parts of the country.

Startling discoveries

Some of this spurious currency has actually been discovered in banks, where it had been accepted as genuine money without hesitation. This fact alone is sufficient to show that the forgeries are extraordinarily skilful.

Some details of the plot came to light recently after the police had effected several arrests of people alleged to be concerned in various forgery charges.

Investigations into one such case led detectives to a house in the Bloomsbury district, where some amazing discoveries resulted.

The man who rented the lower part of the house in question had apparently had warning of the threatened police invasion just in time to make good his escape.

But, in the limited time at his disposal, this individual was unable to remove all incriminating evidence.

He was forced to leave behind him the major portion of a "plant," which proved an astounding combination of damning articles.

Buried in a small shed in the garden the police found a copying machine, a tracing apparatus, various discs, a metallic representation of the King's head, a pressing machine and various other devices used in the production of forged currency.

Wonderful skill

One important discovery was a box containing special paper utilised for spurious notes; most of it was cut to the requisite size, and some was actually printed on and partly counterfeited.

This same box also contained documents which convinced the police that the escaped man was a member of an international gang, which had plotted, in that very house, to print and circulate not less than £50,000 in forged £1 notes alone!

So far no arrest has been made in this sensational case, although the able lieutenants of Chief Constable Wensley have a very shrewd idea as to the identity of the chief conspirator.

He is believed to be a person known in the underworld as the "Captain," and who has already served several sentences of imprisonment for being concerned in forgery campaigns in the past.

This dangerous rogue, who has spent a great deal of his time over on the Continent, was involved in a huge

William H. Harrison, who at the Old Bailey some time ago was denounced as one of the worst forgers of modern years

counterfeit conspiracy some little time back which was secretly controlled from a so-called "musical professor's" mansion in the heart of Milan.

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It is small wonder, therefore, that, when he eventually takes up his pen to practise the crucial part of his art, it is not long before he can dash off a signature so that detection is well-nigh impossible.

But, apart from being a specialist in this respect, he has also made it his life's work to familiarise himself with all branches of his nefarious profession and is an acknowledged expert where special inks and paper are concerned, as well as being an authority on "plants," large and small.

Until a few months ago he was a leading light with the "Penton Penmen," whose forgery exploits formed the subject of an exclusive exposure in these pages.

But when the police recently rounded up two of their members, and were thus able to secure first-hand knowledge of their inner methods of working, the gang split up.

The "Captain" offered his valuable services to another gang, which, with headquarters in Kentish Town and Euston, is run by a notorious Scotch crook, whose record is illuminating, to say the least.

Sudden separation

This man is known to his associates by the colourful nickname of "Three Finger Jack."

This remarkable personality and the "Captain" are now jointly at the helm in the present criminal conspiracy, and it is a curious thing that "Three Finger Jack" broke away from some of his former associates just about the same time as the "Captain" was compelled to leave the "Penton Penmen."

His sudden separation from his old colleagues occurred, too, in somewhat similar circumstances. He was closely associated with a rogue named "Scotch Jaek," who is an accomplished forger.

"Scotch Jack" had the ill luck to fall into the hands of the police in the early summer, however, and was subsequently sent to prison.

After that "Three Finger Jack," who had no desire to attract the police in his direction, spurned his old friend, and struck up a "business" acquaintanceship with the "Captain."

Since then they have been working closely together, and the forged notes now in existence are attributed to them, and to the accomplices working under their direction.

Ticklish problem

Up to the present forged notes have been recently discovered in this country, at Manchester, Birmingham, and Glasgow, and we would urge all bankers to increase their vigilance and keep a sharp look out for any of the false currency.

The police anticipate that much will be unloosed upon the country within the next few days, while it is also believed that similar attempts will be made in places overseas where the chances of detection are even more remote than at home.

Meanwhile we heartily congratulate the police on having tackled this problem in such a businesslike manner.

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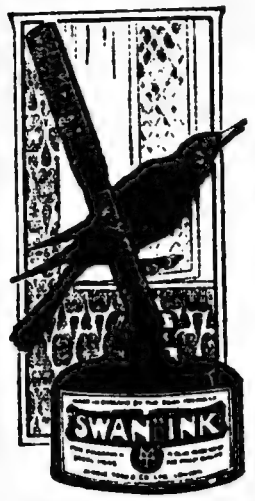

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by **PHILIP INMAN**

THE world is not peopled entirely by stony hearts, and it is well that it is not so. There are those who find their mission in life in ministering to the needs of others, and the lot of many is made the easier thereby

THE DOCTOR'S GOT ME TOO!

MY visitor could not have come at a worse time. I had been interviewing callers at my hospital from early morning, and my appointment-book was filled for the rest of the day. I was in the midst of an important discussion when the porter arrived with an urgent message.

"A lady is asking specially to see you," he said, "and I told her that you were busy, but she says that if necessary she will wait all the day." At once I despatched my secretary to see if she could transact the business. "She will see no one but you," I was told, "but she promises not to detain you for more than two minutes."

My visitor's importunity won the day. There was nothing striking about this woman. She might have been fifty years old. But there was a "something" in her look which, as the Americans say, "got me" at once. If the eye be an index to the soul within, then my visitor had no need to be ashamed of hers.

"You are Mr. Inman?" she said, then she added smilingly, "I can see you are by your photograph." I nodded in agreement, and she went on, "You see I read your articles every week in JOHN BULL and I thought I would like to bring you a little present."

The wonderful parcel

She handed to me a brown paper parcel which looked as if it might contain a box of chocolates or a couple of books.

I tendered my thanks, and enquired if she would let me have her name and address. "No," she said quietly, "I would rather not. I would like to shake you by the hand, and then I will be going." And the next minute she had gone.

Now comes the strange sequel. When I opened that parcel I had the surprise of my life. It contained an old, dilapidated cash-box, crammed full of Treasury notes, mostly of the 10s. value, and the total sum was £549 10s.

When this amount was again checked, a rather significant fact came to light. It was found that those notes were all in different series, dating from the first issue which bore the signature of John Bradbury to the comparatively thin note in circulation to-day.

Whoever the donor was, she must have had them in her possession for years, and it would surely not be a hazardous guess that the gift represented her life's savings.

Request to donor

Now there comes to me the most difficult task of all. It is not easy to know what to say to that unknown benefactress. She has chosen to help us in that greatest of all human work, the alleviation of pain and suffering, and that knowledge surely will bring its own reward.

But there is one further request I have to make. She has trusted me so far; I would ask her to come with me a little further. I beg of her to call and see me again, and her visit, if she chooses, shall be in the strictest confidence.

When she came before me she asked to be allowed to shake my hand. Now I would ask that I might grasp hers in token of a deep and lasting gratitude.

My visitor called at a very appropriate moment. I was feeling depressed, for my doctor had just told me that I had been overworking and that if I wished to avoid a breakdown I must take things very quietly for a time.

The experience of that day acted upon me like a tonic, and I felt almost inclined to ignore the medical verdict altogether, but on reflection I saw how foolish this would be.

So very reluctantly I have asked the Editor to allow me to suspend my weekly contribution for a few weeks, and with his

Philip Inman

usual kindliness he has acceded to my request.

Three years ago, when I commenced my "In Sunshine Ward" articles, I had one great desire in my heart. I knew that to so many people our hospitals are soulless and sordid institutions, surrounded by red tape and governed by stupid regulations and restrictions.

I wished to tell of them as I knew them. I wanted to reveal the patience and courage of the sufferers, the tenderness and sympathy of the nurses, the skill and devotion of the doctors.

From the many letters my readers have been good enough to address to me, I take heart in thinking that I have not altogether failed in my purpose. When I am able to resume my weekly articles in JOHN BULL I shall feel that I am coming back, not as a stranger, but as a friend.

IT is with great regret that we announce that owing to medical advice, Mr. Philip Inman is forced to discontinue his articles for a little time. We are sure we are voicing the wishes of our readers in expressing the hope that his absence from these pages will be of short duration.

The Sentence of the Court

DEBIT AND DISCREDIT

Bureaucrats in Business

CHARGED with cowardice in face of the enemy, Field-Admiral Winston Churchill, the well-known landscape painter, word-painter and hat connoisseur, pleaded "Not guilty."

"When not busy negotiating his serial rights or mixing his colours or metaphors," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "the accused fills a remunerative spare-time job as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"Unfortunately, he has never brought to the task of book-keeping the enthusiasm he has lavished upon book-making, nor faced the squandermaniacs with the dauntless courage he displayed at the Battle of Houndsditch. It is for this cowardice in face of the enemies of economy that he is in the dock.

"The second report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts reveals the most astounding neglect, extravagance and ineptitude in almost every Government department.

"We learn, for example, that the Post Office bought a site in Tenter Street for £16,000, refused an offer for it of £14,250, sold it a little later for £8,000 and then paid £24,000 for another site.

"A fine piece of business by the Admiralty was the sale of a wrecked warship in which the breakers-up discovered £500 in Treasury notes, which had evidently belonged to the paymaster. Unhappily, the Admiralty had forgotten to include a clause in the agreement entitling them to any money found in the hulk.

"Another example of bureaucratic absent-mindedness landed us in a loss of £37,000—an official having forgotten to send the League of Nations an account for this trifling amount.

"Compared with this, the purchase of land for £24,000 for a farm settlement, the spending of £13,000 on buildings, and the sale of the whole concern for £11,500 seems a capital stroke of business—judged by Whitehall standards!"

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that although Mr. Churchill was a versatile gentleman, he did not claim to be an expert on land values, farm settlement or sunken treasure. To hold him responsible for these unprofitable transactions was as absurd as it would be to criticise the managing director of a huge catering business every time a waitress broke twopennyworth of crockery.

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"I am grateful to counsel for mentioning a large catering business to illustrate his point," said Mr. Justice Bull. "Needless to say, no sane shareholder would complain because a few pence or even pounds' worth of crockery were smashed in a year.

"But I cannot imagine what language would be used toward a managing director who, having solemnly pledged himself to reduce expenditure by £10,000,000 annually, casually informed shareholders that expenditure had risen by £40,000,000.

"I find that under bureaucratic auspices, the Wool Disinfecting Station did £8,000 worth of business in a year and taxpayers were involved in a loss of £1 for every £1 business done. Also, the Admiralty fitted up a coastal motor-boat for £2,000 and then used it as a torpedo-target.

"Blundering by officials and plundering of taxpayers are everyday occurrences under the benevolent rule of a Chancellor who has made no attempt to ration the boys of the bureaucratic breed.

"Such arrant cowardice calls for strict 'millinery' discipline. I therefore direct that the prisoner be denied access to his museum of hats and compelled to face a derisive world in the only headgear appropriate to a person who imagines that 10 subtracted from 100 leaves 140—namely, a dunce's cap."

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Words Winged to Women

THE FARTHING MOTHER

by MABEL HORNER

"The noblest charity is to enable a man to dispense with charity."—*The Talmud.*

ONCE more, and with a brave show that can never have been equalled in the world's history, the shops are blossoming out into great bazaars for Christmas shopping. There are dresses of fabrics so delicate and fine that fairies might have sat up o' nights to spin them of moonbeam and cobweb.

There are warm things and useful things, and things quite within the compass of a modest purse, and, above all, there are kiddies' clothes and toys!

No wonder that women like to go shopping! Shopkeepers, too, are wiser these days. It is quite literally true that one may wander, if one has the time, for hours in an endless exhibition of goods, both home-made and Empire produced, from strange lands and peoples all over the world, and so long as one behaves oneself no one teases or resents the non-buyer.

But there is all the difference in the world between being a non-buyer because one has not just hit upon the things wanted, or is undecided, and being a non-buyer because of an absolutely empty purse.

Starving without a farthing

Have you ever seen a decent, clean, well-doing woman without even a single farthing in her purse? I have. On one of last summer's rare days of sunshine, I saw her staggering down the steps of a railway station.

But for the quick action of a ticket-collector and a passenger she would have fallen. Her little girl of eight clutched her skirts and cried with fright.

They were returning from one of London's great hospitals where the father, an out-of-work, lay ill. Guided to a seat, she mutely offered her purse, too ill to speak, to show her destination.

And there, in that old worn purse, was the secret. It held nothing at all but the return half of a sevenpenny ticket. She was dizzy and sick for sheer want of food and drink. She was fainting and her purse was empty.

Charity could put a few coins in that purse, and dry the child's tears and provide a meal. But what is charity but the passing gleam of a momentary sympathy, the touch of human kindness that may smooth one step, but is powerless to cure the ill?

The Marchioness of Carisbrooke, President of the Winter Distress League

I wanted to take that woman and her empty purse and stand with her on the floor of the House of Commons, and make Parliamentary debates impossible on every other subject until they have solved this great question of unemployment. For this woman on Westminster station was only a sign and a symbol. She can be multiplied in all our towns by thousands.

According to official figures there were 1,106,100 breadwinners out of work in October. Winter will add to their ranks.

And now, when Parliament has re-assembled, at the tail-end of subjects for debate, *we are promised one day for the "discussion" of unemployment.* Such an allotment of time for such a theme makes a mock of misery.

Just as I wanted to take that poor woman and show Parliament what the real thing means, so I wish its "official figures" could be, for once, turned into flesh and blood. It would take a long time passing a given point, that hopeless, weary host of 1,106,100. But that is impracticable, so let us see what is practical.

There could, for instance, in every town, be started a Winter Distress League. The one in London, with many women busy in its management, shows that can be done as at least a contribution towards solving the problem.

The greatest folly

First and foremost, such a league aims at the provision of work. But when work is found for an individual who has been out of work for months, even years, there is another problem. Clothes are in shreds, boots are non-existent or deplorable, so fresh supplies must be found.

Rooms can be hired and the mending of boots and renovations of clothes for men and women going to work is in itself another employment. There is redecoration and cleaning needed at nearly all public institutions. There are children's gardens and recreation-grounds to be laid out.

A service of electrical home-cleaning and a bachelor's mending service can be started, and in many other ways it is possible to find useful work that needs doing and that will not deflect existing employment from normal channels.

Unemployment is as much a woman's problem as a man's and women must bring that well home to the Government. For the woman with an empty purse cannot buy. She is a real trade hindrance. That is why to allow unemployment to continue is the greatest of all economic follies.

WHERE DANGER LURKS

Wives and Widows

ACROSS all married life there must hover, however distantly, the shadow of coming separation. The happier the marriage, the more such a shadow must be dreaded.

If it only deepens towards the end of life we may hope that sadness will be tempered by the tranquillity of the aged.

It is when it comes suddenly, unexpectedly, in the midst of life and health, that separation is hardest to bear.

Mr. W. W. Pollard, of 1, Brickyard ottage, Newton, Porthcawl, was a boot a d shoe repairer, a job entailing arduous toil and much cramped close sitting.

As an old sailor, passionately fond of the water, Mr. Pollard's open-air recreation in "off" time was fishing. He was, therefore, in much request as a fishing companion, being, as his mates say, "jolly good company."

Smoothing the path

But, alas, for the uncertainty of the sea!

One day he set off, as Mrs. Pollard says, "gay and happy," and that was her last recollection of him alive. There was a sudden disaster, the boat swamped, and Mr. Pollard with others of his companions was drowned.

Nothing JOHN BULL is able to do can make good that tragic loss to his widow, but as she is a registered reader it is possible to smooth her immediate path. Under the provisions of the JOHN BULL Free Insurance Gift, she receives a cheque for £250 to enable her to pick up the broken threads of life and start afresh, although she has lost her breadwinner.

After loss of life, the loss of faculties which make life happy comes next in order of tragedy.

Such tragedies are all the more poignant when they occur to men and women engaged in the homely, useful occupations of life.

Among innumerable instances reaching JOHN BULL, chopping firewood appears to be the most dangerous of all domestic operations.

Mr. H. T. Johnson, of 1, Stoke Road, Montacute, Somerset, was chopping wood in his garden, his wife helping by carrying in the bundles, when a splinter of wood flew up into his right eye.

He was instantly taken to the nearest hospital, but the sight was completely destroyed. His right eye had to be removed.

Wonderful relief

Sometimes it is the housewife herself. Mrs. D. Haines, of 2, Peartree Villas, Bull Road, Vange, Pitsea, Essex, was engaged in this homely duty when the unexpected splinter flew. It struck her left eye, and she had to face its complete loss.

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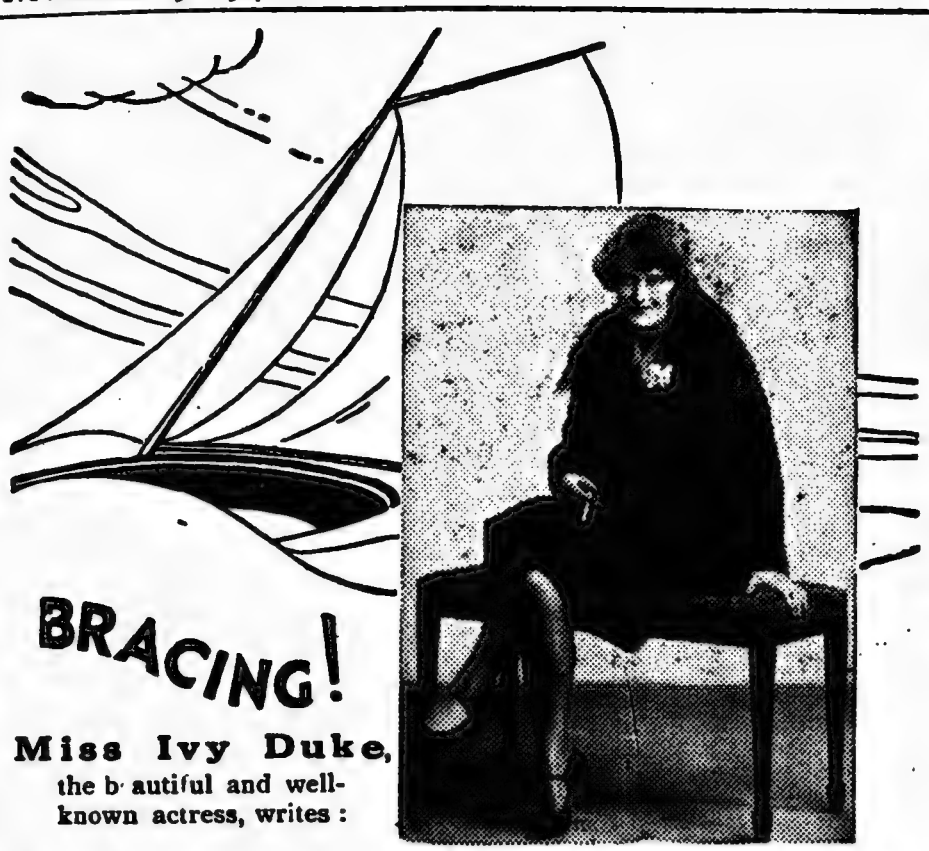

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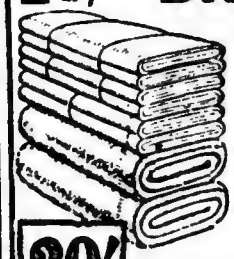

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"I AM a wife deserted by her husband, who left me and my little boy to go to another woman. During the few years of our married life, I have conscientiously done everything I could for my husband's comfort and happiness, and tried in every way to be a model wife.

"It puzzles me to understand why he should have found more pleasure in the company of a woman whose reputation was already besmirched before he met her; but there it is, his preference for her and his unfaithfulness are an open secret.

"We had a deed of separation drawn up by a lawyer, under which my husband allows me barely sufficient to keep myself and my child without getting into debt.

"Some time after the separation, a man with whom I had been on terms of friendship before my marriage, knowing of my trouble, came to me and suggested that I should divorce my husband, seeing that I had ample evidence for the purpose, and place myself in his keeping, by honourable marriage, of course.

"HERE, 'Humanist,' is my problem. I don't love him. I admire and respect him, and I believe him to be thoroughly worthy of any woman's devotion, but—I don't love him.

"I have suffered agony at the hands of my husband. I have been humbled to the dust by him. Yet if he were to come to me and admit his folly and ask m to forgive him, I know I should take him back. Although he has broken my heart, even in my suffering I love him yet.

"On the other hand, I know the worth of the other man, and I feel sure he would be good to me if I divorced my husband and married him. He is somewhat my senior, so that he knows his own mind, and I should feel safe with him.

"What should I do? I am considering my little boy first; I want to do the best for him, besides which I am so desperately lonely."

"HUMANIST" says: *There are few things more painful in life, for wives or husbands, than to discover that they have bestowed their love upon one who is utterly unworthy of it, and to feel that such love remains wounded and bleeding, yet throbbing with life, after blows that might well have killed it. Yet affectionate respect and a generous sympathy may do much to heal an aching heart, and if, knowing well your feelings, the man whom you admire and trust still wishes to marry you, I think you might hope for happiness with him.*

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"I AM the tenant of a council house, and I have received notice to quit in what seems to me to be very harsh circumstances. It all arises out of sub-letting.

Charity Penalised

On this particular estate tenants are allowed to sub-let from May till September, but not during the remaining months of the year.

"The sub-tenants who occupied two rooms in the house during the summer knew of this restriction, and in the ordinary way would have been prepared to move out at the end of September.

"Before that time arrived, however, the man was unfortunately thrown out of employment.

"Having been much in the same position myself, I understood his difficulties, and I allowed him to remain on without taking any rent for a month rather than see him and his wife and children turned into the street homeless while he was out of work.

"When I received a warning that I was breaking the regulations, followed by a notice to quit, I wrote and apologised to the town clerk, explaining that my only thought was to help a poor family in distress and expressing the hope that the Housing Committee would reconsider its decision.

"He replied, without making any mention of the committee, that the notice would have to stand.

"I have four children myself, which made me feel sympathetic with my lodgers, but now I fear that my kindness may result in our being rendered homeless ourselves. Can anything be done?"

"HUMANIST" says: *It seems most inconsiderate that you should be placed in fear of eviction in such circumstances. Ask your representative on the council to take up the matter on your behalf with the Housing Committee. Seeing that you were not receiving rent, and that you allowed the distressed family to remain more or less as guests from charitable motives, I should think the matter would receive sympathetic consideration if the committee is reasonable.*

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"A NEIGHBOUR of mine, a dear little widow-woman, who has worked hard for many years and brought up her children respectably in the face of great difficulties, always seems to have been given the cold shoulder by those who live round about for some reason which I have not been able to discover.

Proud Neighbours

"My husband and I have not been residing in the district for very long, but I noticed soon after we came here that whenever I passed the time of day with anyone this little woman's name would crop up and all sorts of sneering references would be made to her because she did not mix freely with her neighbours.

"A week or so ago, one of her sons met with a severe accident, and as she lived only a few doors away from me, I at once went along to comfort her and render any assistance I could.

"The poor woman was pathetically grateful for my sympathy, but my visiting her has had a result which seems, to say the least, remarkable.

"I find that I must now share the scorn which has been heaped upon her for so long by the neighbours, who seem to despise me in the same way as they do her. It is rather distressing, yet I cannot feel that I have done wrong."

"HUMANIST" says: *If you find an opportunity of doing a kind action, do it, and take no notice of the attitude of neighbours, who, for all their pride and scorn, are unwilling to offer a helping hand. They may realise the meanness of their attitude some day, when they may be in a position to welcome assistance themselves from those they despise.*

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The Fallen

THE Glorious Dead have passed beyond material aid, but you can honour their memory by helping the living ex-Service men who through the war have fallen in fortune and been deprived of the means to build up a home if you will subscribe to "The Greatest of These——" Fund. (See page 42.)

"FROM three years of age until I was able to earn my own living, I was brought up by my grandparents. My parents had separated, the reason for their disagreement, so I have been told, being that my mother was not satisfied with one partner in life.

Unknown Mother

"My mother took a sister of mine with her and I was left with my father, who handed me over to the care of his parents.

"It is over twenty years since this occurred, and I have never seen my mother or sister since. I do not know where they live, and could not even recognise them if I saw them in the street.

"It is a long time since I saw my father, and then he treated me almost as a stranger, barely acknowledged me, in fact.

"I am now married to a good husband, and have a family of small children, but I often feel I would like to see my mother.

"I have thought of advertising for her, but I feel doubtful whether it would be wise, as I do not know what kind of life she and my sister may be leading, if they are still alive, and in any case I am too poor to be able to help them."

"HUMANIST" says: *I can quite understand your feelings, but it may be better to have no mother and sister than to know them to their shame and your own distress. You have your husband and little ones to live for, and you should consider their happiness and welfare before everything.*

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For Mother's Sake

"As a grown-up young woman, I took a child of my own mother's shame to save the family from disgrace. Before getting married myself, I sent the child to a home, where she is being well cared for. My mother is now dead, and some busybody has suggested to my husband that my unfortunate little half-sister is really my own child. What can I do?"

"Humanist" says: *Take your husband into your confidence, as you should have done long ago. If the child was properly registered, you can easily prove the facts of its parentage if necessary.*

Say or Pay

"A few years ago I married a man whom I believed to be a widower. He has treated me so badly that I have had to leave him. I am told now that when he married me his wife was alive and is still. How can I prove this?"

"Humanist" says: *Sue the man you married for maintenance. If you were compelled to leave him through his cruelty, he will have either to pay or to satisfy the court that you are not his legal wife.*

A Too-Big Brother

"My little sister, not yet left school, is behaving very badly at home. I sometimes give her a light thrashing, but father and mother both spoil her, and if she is not checked I am afraid she will go the wrong way. What can I do?"

"Humanist" says: *Nothing. It is not your business to chastise your sister, however lightly. It is the duty of her parents to correct her, and if you cannot persuade her to behave properly by talking kindly to her, you will only rouse resentment by resorting to violence.*

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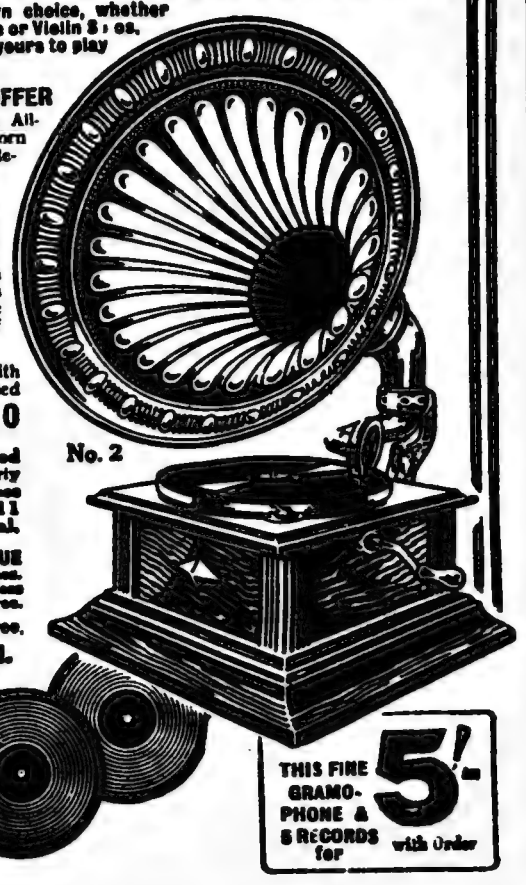

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Our Letter Parliament

A Dangerous Doctrine

Site Scandal—A Tip to the B.B.C.—Scotland's Shame

MR. A. G. GARDINER, in "Should a Father Kill?" (JOHN BULL, November 5), has raised issues which have far-reaching possibilities. The problem which confronts civilisation is not whether human beings shall have the right to put an end to a life, but whether children shall be permitted to be born with some ghastly handicap with which to commence life. How often do we see people marrying who are suffering from dread disease, and bringing families into the world.—*J. E. D., Middlesbrough.*

Extinction or Agony?

Human life is admittedly a very sacred thing, but the time has surely come when civilisation, with its incurable disease, must boldly face this issue. I contend that, given the consent of the sufferer and relatives, painless extinction is preferable to hopeless agony, under strict medical supervision, of course. The chief opposition is mainly on sentimental grounds. Yet this self-same sentiment was not so apparent from 1914 to 1918 when millions of the healthiest were sent to the slaughter. —*F. J. R., Nottingham.*

Fun in Life

I happen to be one of those so-called "unfortunates" who if the "right" had been allowed and enforced twenty-six years ago, should have been spared much suffering; but I would have missed much fun. Life is sweet and good even to helpless incurables when viewed in the right way, and should ever a body of doctors or lawyers assemble round my couch to decide whether or no I shall "pass out," I will say, "By what authority doest thou these things, and who gave thee this authority?"—*C. H., Newbury.*

Food for Thought

At a University extra-mural class in English the other night, Mr. A. G. Gardiner's article was freely quoted during a debate on that subject. The members of the class find your paper very helpful in providing both models for articles and subjects for discussion.—*Student, Dumbartonshire.*

Still Murder

The dumb animal may be put out of misery as an act of mercy, but to end the suffering of any human soul would be murder—merciful murder, if you like, but still murder. The incurable cancer case, the hopeless accident case, tear at the heartstrings and invite compassionate ending, but for the most terrible physical suffering merciful anæsthesia may be found. To administer this is plain duty, but such barbaric act as wilful murder cannot be justified.—*J. J. A., Birmingham.*

Mind and Body

In innumerable cases, apparently hopeless wrecks have made splendid recoveries. To destroy a pain-ridden victim may seem a humane act, in reality it is a crime against civilisation, as a master mind may conceivably have been in the imperfect body. Who after reading of Helen Keller, blind, deaf and dumb, can dispute that fact?—*R. H., New Seaham.*

Intolerable Anarchy

Those who, like myself, have seen a parent suffer indescribable agony from an incurable disease, will disagree with Mr. A. G. Gardiner that under no condition should death be hastened. At the same time every precaution should be taken that death is imminent; even then the supreme act should be only by the decision of three medical men. But to allow any ordinary citizen to end life is anarchy, and cannot be tolerated by any civilised community.—*M. W., Devon.*

Brief-to-the-point letters not exceeding 100 words are invited. 5s. is paid for each letter published. Name and address essential, not necessarily for publication. Envelopes must be marked "Letter Parliament."

Doctors Wrong

I remember a similar case to the case at Chester. A baby twelve months old lay suffering. Doctors and specialists said it was impossible for it to live. Would the father have been justified in putting an end to that suffering? No. The proof is that baby is now eleven years old, a bright, intelligent child, enjoying life, and looks like making a useful citizen.—*H. R., Notts.*

"Freedom" of the Seas

There are practically 10,000 British seamen on the "dole," yet we find as many as 10,000 foreigners and nearly 50,000 Lascars sailing under the Red Ensign. Why should we not do as other countries, forbid the employment of more than a certain small percentage of foreign seamen on our ships?—*F. A., Bucks.*

That Will Scare Them

With reference to Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article in JOHN BULL, November 5, I should like to point out that one of the largest insurance companies has engaged men to do house-to-house canvassing amongst the country folk around here. I would say, Just do as I did, look up back copies of JOHN BULL referring to the exposure of these companies and show them to the pressing canvasser. He won't come again!—*H. B., Chesterfield.*

Fatalist Farmers

Mr. Norman Angell (JOHN BULL, November 5) certainly outlines a practical scheme for the salvation of English farming. The right kind of organisation is essential. Our farmers are fatalists of the worst kind. They are quite satisfied in the belief that God and they are in partnership, His contribution to the business being the sending of wind, rain and sun. And He is the incompetent partner—yes, always! The seeds of true progress cannot take root in the soil of fatalistic egoism.—*Countryman, Scotland.*

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Feathering Nests

It is reported that an open space in Oxford Street, London, is to be built upon, and that the price asked for the site, some 56,000 square feet, is more than £750,000. This huge sum will go into the pocket of private individuals instead of going into the public exchequer. How long are we to wait for the taxation of land values?—*J. B., Glasgow.*

Feeding the Fat

As a poll clerk at the recent municipal elections, as an unemployed clerk I was fortunate to be engaged. My fellow-workers, to my surprise, were an ex-policeman with a pension of £3 per week and a lawyer's clerk who had never known the curse of unemployment. Surely out of the city's 2,000 unemployed men the employment exchange could have filled the posts.—*G., Norfolk.*

Just Grouse

Second only to the mining industry comes the iron and steel trade, yet we hear little of its troubles. Crippled by the slump in shipbuilding, followed by the miners' strikes, the industry has gone through a period of depression only realised by those depending upon it. Six shillings and eightpence a day three days a week, and no privileges, might well compare to the grouse of the average miner.—*H. W. S., Redcar.*

Breaking the Silence

The refusal by the Home Secretary to allow the B.B.C. to broadcast the Armistice Service was welcome, whatever the object. The Two Minutes Silence is to recall our memories to that sacrifice of "blood," and there are enough honourable customs spoilt, without this great one. There is plenty of scope for the B.B.C. to include in its programmes the teaching of this lesson, and so instil into the old and young the necessity of defeating war and throwing the "flowers and fruits" required for victory on to life's pathway.—*T. P., Wrexham.*

Missing Link

As a scholarship boy, it has been forced in on me by experience that the missing link in our educational system is the absence of any machinery whereby a boy can follow up educational success by securing an opening in business or professions. It is time the authorities supplied the missing link in the chain between the school and the career so that when a boy completes his education there should be some attempt to fit him into the opening for which his studies have trained him.—*B. H. S., Beds.*

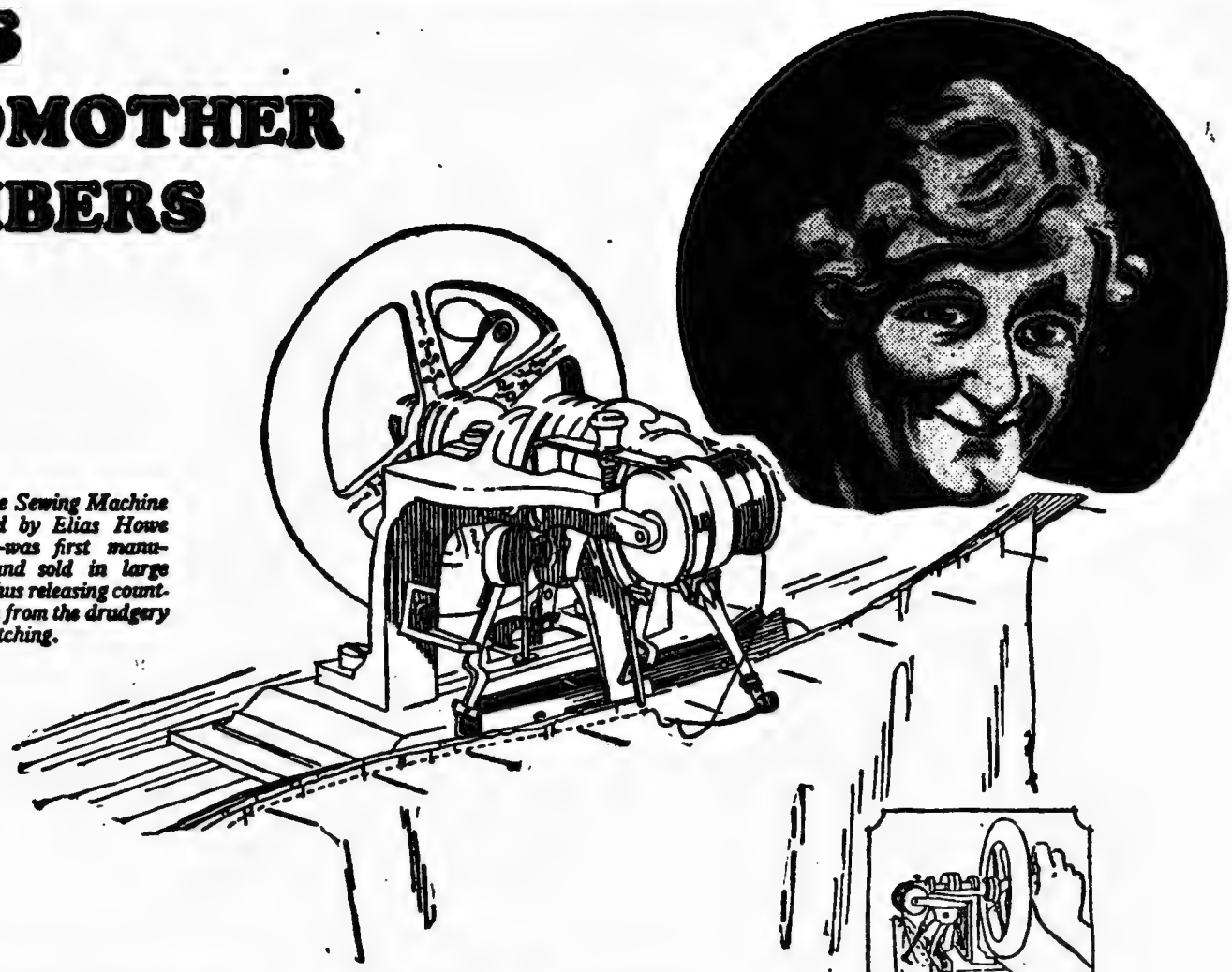
Disgracing Burns

As a Scot, I am ashamed of the horrible conditions prevalent in the Ayrshire village of Skares exposed in JOHN BULL, November 5. It is scandalous that a country that has produced a humanist like Robert Burns should tolerate such conditions in the very county that claims Burns as its own.—*S. J., Alexandria.*

Winston's Desert

What would happen to a business manager, called on to put an industry on its feet, and promising to save a thousand or two a year, if he presented an account at the end of the year showing an increased deficit of some thousands more? He would quickly get "the sack." Yet the Chancellor of the Exchequer has done precisely this—only to the extent of some millions. What is the obvious remedy? Give him "the sack," of course—and quickly, before he does more damage to the concern.—*M. M. J., Palmer's Green.*

THINGS GRANDMOTHER REMEMBERS



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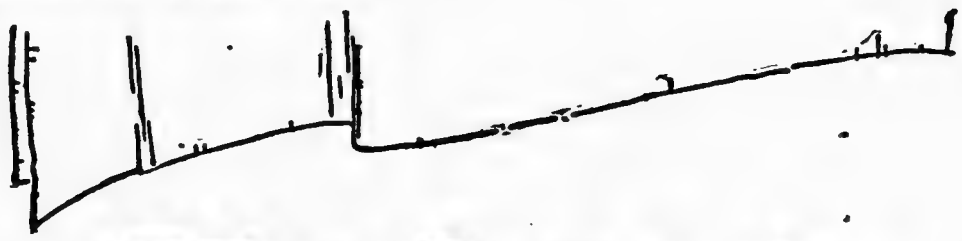

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This Week's Big Race at Derby—Dismal Jimmies—Beau Cavalier, the New Zealand Crack—A Gold-Mine Bargain

THE Dismal Jimmies are already croaking that the National Hunt season is going to be a fizzle. The same prophecies was made prior to last year's campaign, and yet the sport proved more popular than ever.

I HAVE always contended that the jumping game is much more interesting to watch than the flat. It has not quite the same appeal for backers, owing to its pitfalls, but it draws a wider group—a body more concerned in a fine spectacle rather than speculation.

THE mixed grill provided in the four days' programme at Liverpool was very well attended, and I cannot see the grounds for undue pessimism.

TRUMP CARD, who proved the best in the pack of eighteen in the Grand Sefton, has been seized upon already as a likely winner of the Grand National. He gave a free and fearless exhibition of fencing, and at the open ditch cleared two fallen horses very cleverly, but the race, owing to its distance, is hardly a rehearsal for the big race in March.

I RECEIVED an interesting letter from a JOHN BULL ite in New Zealand this week giving me some particulars of their National winner, Beau Cavalier. It is on the cards that the 'chaser will be seen at Aintree.

THE "Cavalier" was used as a troop horse in the Mounted Rifles a little over two years ago, after which he was sold and used as a hunter. His owner, Mr. A. G. Quartly, soon realised that he was a bit out of the ordinary, and entered him for a few races. This year he has captured the three biggest jumping prizes in New Zealand. Old-timers will recollect that Moifaa came over in 1904 and captured the Grand National. Incidentally, he was the hero of a wreck and had to swim ashore.

C. Elliott, Invershin's probable jockey

INVERSHIN and Planardo, my selections for the final big double — the Derby Cup and the Manchester November—have complicated matters by accepting for both races. However, the Derby Cup is decided this week and in the presumed absence of Planardo, I shall stand on Invershin.

OF course, Mr. Barclay may decide that the mile and six furlongs at Derby will suit the gelded son of Planet better than the Manchester mile and a half, and in this case Planardo should also be backed. Some people argue that the big turf commission agents always know more than the backers, and I am inclined to agree with them. Prior to the acceptances, one of the biggest in the country was offering 33 to 1 against Planardo for the Derby Cup, and 10 to 1 against for the Manchester November.

JUDGING by the horses left in at Derby, fields should be large. Languish may atone in the Elvaston Castle Plate. This youngster was heavily backed when ridden by Gordon Richards last time out and was virtually left at the post. Make a note of Spionetta for the Chatsworth Plate, Pol Roger for the Osmaston Nursery, and Beechmount, who did us a good turn recently.

Although getting on in years, The Ock has plenty of pace, and is a likely long-shot for the Belper Selling Handicap at Derby.

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FREE STATE, engaged in the Chaddesden Plate, landed a coup last time out.

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PEGGY'S FANCY was purchased by Mr. Bancroft after winning at a long price, for Melton Vases in the north. The three-year-old is fancied for the Petersham Plate at Hurst on Saturday.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS filly should be noted for a six or seven furlong nursery.

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It was touch and go whether Seagain or Touch and Go had won the Lancashire Handicap, and both jockeys, Weston and Sirett, were anxious to see the numbers go in the frame. Touch and Go was short-headed. Capt. Whitworth's colt should be backed next time out.

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ARDSCULL was very unlucky to be beaten by Laughter Tor. The ten-year-old has won half a dozen races this season, and will probably score again if given another chance.

OUR week-end winners will have to be found at Hurst Park. The Great Two-Years-Old Stakes is cutting up badly. I mentioned some time back that The Hermit II. had been put on the shelf until next season.

THE latest to go out is the German crack youngster, Contessa Maddalena, owing to a coughing epidemic. The French colt, Mourad, is already here for the race, but he is not a wonder horse. I fancy Parwiz, who put up a great race against Pharamond at Newmarket.

I HAD a red-hot tip for Aploma at Liverpool. Major Beatty's youngster was fourth to Fleeting Memory, but the filly ran sufficiently well to satisfy me that she could be placed to win. She is engaged in the Mitre Selling Plate. I should give Tiger Hill another chance in the Autumn Plate.

AN important item in the latest *Racing Calendar* is the entry for the Derby of 1929. The entry usually fluctuates between three and four hundred, and on this occasion 347 yearlings have been nominated. The King is responsible for three, and the biggest subscriber is the Aga Khan, with twelve. Mr. Macomber's batch is only four. However, it is a frightful lottery, as you never know how they will turn out. He entered seventeen for Call Boy's Derby, and did not have a runner.

I CODED Maeve for the valuable Knowsley Nursery, and in the later stages of the race the Irish youngster was well in the running, but he closed up like an oyster and evidently needs another race or two to shake off the effects of his cough. Jack Mytton won, thanks to Gordon Richards. He appeared to be beaten when Maeve was striding out like a winner, but came again.

JACK MYTTON was bred by Mr. P. P. Gilpin, of Clarehaven, and is owned by him. The youngster is by the defunct Comrade, a gold-mine purchase. Comrade cost Mr. Gilpin £25 as a yearling. He was never beaten and amongst other prizes he captured the Grand Prix de Paris.

THAT the standard of British boxing has fallen a long way short of the country's expectations since the war is an open secret. In an effort to remedy this sate of affairs, the Editor of the *Sporting Life* tells me that he is organising two competitions for handsome gold belts and valuable money prizes, which, it is hoped, will be instrumental in bringing to light some new material from which champions may be developed.

THE competitions are at fly-weight and bantam-weight. There are prizes for every boxer who takes part, the scale of payment rising with each stage, and the winner, in addition to the belt, secures a contract for two contests. Young boxers desiring to take part should send their names and records to Mr. Dan Sullivan, The Ring, Blackfriars (for the bantam class), and to Mr. V. Berliner, Premierland, Backchurch Lane, E., the fly-weight competition.

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, November 16, to Tuesday, November 22.

"Soccer" Selections

WEEK-END COUPS

6 HOME.—Bolton, Everton, Chelsea, Stockport, Celtic, Motherwell.

5 HOME.—Bolton, Newcastle, Stockport, Northampton, Motherwell.

4 HOME.—Everton, Huddersfield, Millwall, Celtic.

3 AWAY.—Aston Villa, Lincoln, Plymouth.

3 DRAWS.—Middlesbrough v. Liverpool, Clapton O. v. Manchester C., Falkirk v. Glasgow Rangers.

3 HOME, 3 AWAY.—Blackburn, Everton, Chesterfield, Darlington, Plymouth.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Motherwell, Lincoln, Torquay v. Queen's Park Rangers.

SPECIAL 5 HOME (LEAGUE I. and II.).—Bolton, Everton, Huddersfield, Newcastle, Chelsea.

FORECASTS FOR NOVEMBER 26

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION I.).

HOME WINNERS.—Aston Villa, Burnley, Derby, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Sheffield U., West Ham.

AWAY WINNER.—Everton.

DRAWS.—Arsenal v. Tottenham, Leicester v. Newcastle, Sunderland v. Bolton.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION II.).

HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Fulham, Hull, Manchester C., Notts Forest, Preston, South Shields, Swansea, Wolverhampton.

DRAWS.—Leeds v. West Bromwich, Port Vale v. Chelsea.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Airdrie, Hibernians, Raith R., St. Mirren.

AWAY WINNERS.—Celtic, Queen's Park, Motherwell.

DRAWS.—Clyde v. Glasgow Rangers, Hamilton v. Kilmarnock, St. Johnstone v. Hearts.

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JOHN BULL Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

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THERE are, unfortunately, many going through life handicapped by physical disability. There are, too, many borne down under the weight of mental despondency caused by some trouble worrying the life out of them. Don't be despondent any longer. Send particulars (written in ink), with stamped, addressed envelope, to JOHN BULL'S *Free Advice Service, and the way to relief will be shown.*

B. R. (Nuneaton).—"My farewells are very short." So long!

L. P. (Stockwell).—"I have a double in this town." Regularly?

A. M. (Deptford).—"To-morrow never comes." Write to us to-morrow.

S. F. (Chatham).—"She told me she adored puppies." That was encouraging.

N S. J. (Tipton).—"What do you think I landed with the fish?" Some chips?

A. Y. (Goole).—"I was due to go to work, but my temperature was very low." Cold feet?

Miss T. (Hitchin).—"I manage to keep my youth." That's right. They're scarce nowadays.

S. B. (Burnley).—"What kind of policy would you advise me to consider?" Honesty is the best.

T. Y. (Kendal).—"Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?" Underneath it.

W. A. (Ilminster).—"The real inventors of jazz are long dead." But the evil that men do lives after them.

W. G. (Derby).—"All girls should know how to swim." Yet still reserve the right to be taught all over again.

A. D. (Lymington).—"They are still picking blackberries down here." They are still picking pockets up here.

T. N. (Lake Side).—"She has had three husbands, all named William." She is evidently a successful Bill collector.

S. G. (Fallowfield).—"My only reason for wanting to marry her is that I love her." That's an excuse, not a reason.

H. W. (Redcar).—"I have been told I have a very striking face." To us it looks more as though it has been struck.

Miss L. (Kew).—"The London statues make no impression after dusk." Which is some compensation for our poor street lighting.

A. T. (Becontree).—"I can drive a car with one hand on the steering-wheel." You'll meet with trouble—either a collision or a wedding.

D. Y. (Hull).—"When you are on holiday are my letters forwarded on to you?" Oh, no. It's no good having a holiday if you don't enjoy it.

E. K. J. (Swindon).—"Big fortunes are waiting to be made in the boxing ring." And big fines waiting to be paid by those outside who do the same thing.

H. T. C. (Westcliff).—"Shall we have a General Election next summer?" We think not. Too many of the new women voters will then be engaged in swimming the Channel.

K. T. (Kensal Rise).—"I will be master in my own house." Unmarried, we bet.

G. S. G. (Ventnor).—"When are you retiring?" Always.

Mrs. R. (Swindon).—"Young people are all alike." True, in many disrespects.

R. M. (Oxford).—"As a writer I have few equals." We are very thankful for that.

G. T. (Millhouses).—"The postman dropped the parcel at the door." Crash on delivery!

Bonnie (Christchurch). — "I ran across a friend of yours last week." Hurt him much?

B. L. (Oxted).—"I always adhere most strictly to the truth." And with those initials, too!

L. P. (Putney).—"I have found there are rocks in the sea of marriage." There are. Some babies won't go to sleep without them.

M. L. (Dingwall).—"Overcoats are being worn still shorter." We are wearing ours still longer.

D. T. E. (Pinner).—"Smoking is interfering with my work so I am going to stop it." Which?

A. T. (Dover).—"I'm a native of this place and have always enjoyed life." A cheery Dover sole!

Phyllis C. (Sydenham).—"The modern girl, sir, has a jolly hard time." And a constant struggle not to be outstripped by her rivals.

Geo. P. (Eastbourne).—"My hair is very thick." That's not surprising. Look where it's growing.

S. W. (Sutton).—"Women are treating their hair to match their frocks." Then many must be nearly bald.

T. N. (Trumperton).—"Are there any swimming-baths in this country reserved for ladies?" There's the Channel.

L. T. (Ham).—"Do you remember the rhyme of little Bo-Peep losing her sheep?" Yes. She went out with a crook.

G. D. (London, N.W.).—"He and his wife quarrel in front of their customers." Business as usual during altercations?

P. P. (Manchester).—"I cannot endure to hear him swear before my wife." But surely you don't wish her to swear first?

A. Y. (Gresham).—"I bought my wife a new hat, a box of chocolates and some flowers." It must have been a dreadful quarrel!

G. N. (Blackburn).—"I want a modest, pretty, industrious, homely and affectionate wife." You don't want a wife, you want a harem.

Mrs. G. (South Shields).—"Men do not pack as well as women." Tube train and football grand-stand attendants refuse to corroborate your statement.

S. S. (Hampstead).—"If I told you that I hailed a taxi, paid the exact fare to a penny, and the driver was perfectly satisfied, what would you say?" Liar.

"Mother of Five" (Felixstowe).—"What can one make of boys who exaggerate until it amounts to lying?" Commercial travellers, auctioneers or land-agents.

F. N. (Chester).—"Do you think the bishop is right who says "We have nowadays an A1 mechanical progress, but only a C3 moral progress?'" No. We don't think we're worse than B1.

T. F. (Cheam).—"I am after information." Nobody needs it more.

T. C. (Brent).—"What is the League of Nations doing?" Peace work.

T. N. (Godstone).—"After all, a kiss is nothing." Yes, nothing divided by two.

A. M. (Ely).—"I am willing to sell you this poem for a fiver." We believe you.

Mrs. S. (Liverpool).—"Marriage is a partnership." Are you the senior partner?

F. S. (New Malden).—"My sweetheart is starring on tour." So you are mooning at home.

D. J. (Paignton).—"Is there really a drink problem?" Certainly—what'll you have?

J. R. (Wolverhampton).—"Can you dance on roller-skates?" We generally sit it out.

J. A. K. (Darlington).—"I nearly dropped down when I was told the price." Sell shock!

B. F. (Montrose).—"I intend to go for winter sports in good earnest." But what if they hit back?

S. F. (Dewsbury).—"I fear she has a past." You mean that she has too often been given a present.

G. W. C. (Rothesay).—"What is the right number of your telephone?" Everybody else's wrong one.

A. M. (Leicester).—"My wife says I'm one of the best." She'll say you're one in a thousand if you win a *Bullets* Christmas Dinner this week.

M. R. Y. (St. Albans).—"A large head shows capacity." Like a large trunk, but it is what it holds that matters.

Mrs. R. (Morden).—"Nothing is more untrue than to say every woman has her price." Yet she always has her figure.

Mrs. C. (Molesey).—"He writes every other day, but never sends me a penny." He treats you with unremitting kindness.

F. F. (Accrington).—"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage." But both can put up a very fine imitation.

Gladys H. (Luton).—"The postman brought my new dress before I was up." So, of course, you told him to just push it under the door?

N. B. (Twickenham).—"I got a stiff neck, although as a clerk I work indoors." You probably twisted it by looking at the clock too much.

M. B. (Windermere).—"I have forgotten that good old story about the curate's egg?" Write to the B.B.C. and ask to have it relaid.

Miss L. (Rawdon).—"I can't understand why people always cry at weddings." Possibly they feel touched at hearing a poor fellow's last words.

Millicent (Brentwood). — "She asked me point blank before company if I had been using powder." And you hadn't the face to deny it, we suppose?

M. C. (Salisbury).—"If a burglar got into my house, I should not hesitate to shoot him." But wouldn't you find it somewhat difficult to take aim from under the bed?

Sylvia H. (Westbourne Park).—"After only ten minutes' acquaintance, he told me he had never seen eyes like mine." And did you reply that you had never seen a cheek like his?

P. T. (Forfar).—"I wish you could see my garden." Is it as small as all that?

P. S. (Hull).—"Don't you dare to call me a fool." But even editors are entitled to think.

H. B. (Sevenoaks).—"I am broadcasting a song next week." Many thanks for the warning.

L. W. A. (Ramsgate).—"I haven't a great deal of sense." Then keep silent and nobody need know.

T. B. (Rhyl).—"All he writes is flattery of other people." Does he compose epitaphs?

A. L. (Devonport).—"Where can I find wealth, happiness, companionship and love?" Any dictionary.

E. T. (Belfast).—"I want an honest clerk for six weeks." But why should he turn dishonest afterwards?

M. W. (Cardiff).—"I am full of the milk of human kindness." When you write to us again condense it.

G. E. (Trafford Park).—"I called at her house and found that she had been expecting me." Had she gone out?

L. B. (Rochester).—"I hear my cousin in London has become a father." Goodness! Can you hear the baby that far?

B. E. (Putney).—"I have plenty of brains and know how to use them." Then it's a wonder to us that you don't.

T. B. R. (Poole).—"There was an accident at the cinema when I was there." Did the lights come on without warning?

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